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John C. Wharton, Esq.
Louisville, Ky.

September 3rd 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. in which you state the arrangements made for supplies of acid, &c. at the Carson Mint.

It will not be necessary for you to report here in person. You will of course submit a written report to the Secretary, under his instructions to examine the question of establishing an Assay Office at Portland, Oregon.

You will please render three different bills, in duplicates, for your compensation and expenses, viz:

From Washington to Carson and return to Louisville, Ky, and expenses while at Carson.

From Carson to San Francisco and return to Carson, and expenses while in San Francisco.

From San Francisco to Portland, Oregon, and return to San Francisco and expenses while in Portland.

In rendering these accounts you will please conform to the circular of the Secretary of the Treasury enclosed herewith.

I take this occasion to state my appreciation of the fidelity and ability with which you have discharged the duties imposed upon you.

Very respectfully, yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Mr. W. F. Barbour, Sept. 3d 1874.

Carrollton, Carroll, Co.

Georgia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult. to the Treasurer of the U. S. requesting the address of first class miners, mints and smelting companies, has been referred to this office for reply.

Bullion may be sent to the Philadelphia Mint, or the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for return in coin or bars.

One of the best smelting works in this country is that of Balbach & Son, Newark, N. J.

The only good miner in this section of the country known to me is Captain Blake, formerly of Montana. A letter addressed to him in my care will reach him.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. D. Hoetrich, Esq. Sept. 3rd, 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you today is hereby made official:

"Money arising from sale of copper solution cannot lawfully be used for defraying expenses of the Mint. Make requisition for amount required for Contingent Expenses.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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C. H. Lafrange, Esq.

Sept. 3rd 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. enclosing estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1876.

I concur in all that you say as to the necessity for an increase in the salaries of clerks and shall recommend the increase, and also a moderate increase in the salaries of the Superintendent and operative officers. A reasonable increase in all these cases being not only just to the incumbents, but the true policy of the Government.

As at present advised, I will submit an estimate of the amount required to carry on refining and parting operations, conditioned on its being available should it be determined at any time to resume those operations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.

Sept. 3rd 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to inform you that your Official Bond dated August 20th 1874, has been approved and transmitted to the 1st Comptroller for file in that office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. J. L. Schirmer Esq. Sept. 3d. 1874.

Assayer U. S. Mint

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I returns herewith your bills for expenses incurred in visiting the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City under my direction, in order that as far as practicable you comply with the Circular of the Secretary of the Treasury "Relating to allowances for traveling expenses".

I regret very much to subject you to delay in the payment of your bills, but have no alternative.

Your account is deficient only in not being sworn to as required in last paragraph by the Secretary's Circular.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. Sept. 8th. 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office

Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report on the expediency of removing or abolishing the U. S. Assay Office at Boise, and to say that it will be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with the Resolution of Congress calling for information on the subject.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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"Designer"
D. C.

September 3rd 1874.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 31st ult., I send you herewith one copy of Mint Bureau Circular inviting designs for the "Metis" and "Life-Saving Medals".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

(Returned from, dead letter Office.)

D. P. Gunnels, Esq.
Care of Draper & Sons,
Oxford, Ala.

Sept. 3rd 1874.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ult.

The ore you desire assayed may be sent to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for that purpose.

It will be subject to the usual charge of from $2.50 to $5.00, according to the materials used in the operation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sept. 3rd 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day per Express of Two Bronze Agassiz Medals, requested in my letter of the 1st inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. J. D. Hoestrich, September 3rd. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nevada.

Money arising from sale of copper solution cannot lawfully be used for defraying expenses of the Mint. Make requisition for amount required for contingent expenses.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor Sept. 3rd. 1874.

First Comptroller.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your office the Official Bond of A. Wolters, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Dr. N. J. Bonzano. September 4th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find returned your bills of expenses, with my approval.

Your attention is invited to so much of Departments' Circular of the 1st. ult. as requires all such accounts to be sworn to.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 4th 1874.

Sir:

Referring to the inquiry contained in the enclosed copy of a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, I am of the opinion that the $10.83 small Silver coin therein referred to may properly be purchased and paid for in Subsidiary Silver coins by the Mint, at its nominal or tale value, and the difference between such value and their bullion value charged to the Silver Profit Fund.

It is not desirable that such coins should be paid out by the Treasury and the loss on their recoinage having to be defrayed by the U. States may as well be met out of the profits on the Silver Coinage as in any other way.

These instructions will apply only to this or similar small sums of Subsidiary Silver coins received from the Treasury of the U. States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George Davidson, Esq.
care Jas. Thomas Boyd, Esq.
629 Kearney St.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sept. 4th 1874.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of 24th ult°. I send herewith Agassiz medal which I beg you will accept from

Yours most truly
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sept. 5th 1874.

Sir:

The 66th section of the Coinage act prescribes the title by which the different mints and Assay offices shall be known, - your institution being designated as "The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia."

This title will hereafter be used in all your letters and forms whether printed or written.

Such supplies of stationery as are now on hand and have the old engraved or printed title may, however, continue to be used until exhausted.

In connection with this subject, your attention is invited to the act approved July 12, 1870, (16 Stat. p. 233.) which prohibits the printing of envelopes, letter or note sheets, from steel or copper-plate, or by lithographing.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas E. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sept. 5th 1874.

Sir:

The 66th Section of the Coinage Act prescribes the title by which the different Mints and Assay offices shall be known, your institution being designated "the United States Assay Office at New York." This title will hereafter be used in all your letters and forms, whether printed or written.

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Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

R. E. Preston, Esq.,
Examiner,

Sept. 5th 1874.

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to visit the New York Assay Office and confer with the Superintendent and Book-Keeper of that office relative to the proposed modification in the mode of keeping and rendering the Silver Bullion accounts.

While at the Assay Office you will cause the correspondence of the weighing balances to be tested, the one with the other, using the maximum weights usually employed in the transactions of that office. You will also note whether the scale turns to the weight used in weighing deposits, viz: the one hundredth of an ounce.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. He. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept.r. 5th 1874.

Sir:

I return herewith your supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, and for the month of July of the current fiscal year.

Owing to a provision contained in an act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875, that only "actual travelling expenses shall be allowed" the amount paid by you to Mr. A. B. Sinderman, for mileage under my direction could not be allowed and the fact that you had paid him for mileage travelled during the last fiscal year out of your appropriation for Contingent expenses for the current fiscal year, which could not be properly allowed, I have caused Mr. Sinderman to render a bill for his services and actual travelling expenses, and for which he has received payment here.

The appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, being exhausted, I caused the amount due him for services and expenses prior to July 1st 1874, to be paid out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Carson Mint for the last fiscal year, and the amount ($665.) due him for services and expenses since July 1st 1874 to be paid out of the Contingent appropriation of your Mint for the Current fiscal year, and in order to re-imburse you for the amounts paid by you on the account above referred to, I transmit herewith a transfer draft on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, for $1.101.00,

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and return the vouchers and warrants for the payment thereof to you for cancellation.

The amount $168.00 paid by you out of the appropriation for wages of workmen, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1874, you will deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the U.S. and the amount ($933.00.) paid out of your appropriations will form a part of your current balance.

I adopted this course in order to save you the annoyance of having the amount paid for mileage disallowed by the accounting officers in the adjustment of your accounts, and to facilitate the settlement of the difficulty, and have to request that you will render your accounts without embracing any of these items therein.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. D. Hetrick, Esq.

Sept. 5th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this date, is hereby made official:

"Letter accepting your resignation will be handed to you by Judge Hillyer, whereupon you will turn over the office and everything pertaining to it, to James Crawford, who has been commissioned as Superintendent."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

R. W. Tayler, Esq. September 5th 1874.

1st Comptroller of Treasury.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for file in your office please find the official bond of James Crawford, as Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Sept. 5th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The Solicitor of the Treasury is desirous of procuring four Trade Dollars of 1873.

Will you be kind enough to procure them, and send to this office, C. O. D.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram W. D. Hoetrich Sept. 5th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

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H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Wm. Schmolz, Esq.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sept. 5th, 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication from Carson of the 29th ult. informing me of the condition of the Bullion Balances in the Mint at that City.

Nothing will be done in regard to the matter at present. It is my intention to visit the Pacific Coast in the course of a few weeks, when I will examine the Balances you have on hand.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

E. J. Hillyer,
U. S. Judge, Carson, Nev.

Sept. 5th, 1874.

Bond received and approved. Deliver paper to proper parties, and advise me by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

James Crawford,
Dayton, Nevada.

Sept. 5th, 1874.

Bond received and approved. Call on Judge Hillyer and obtain your commission.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

C. H. LaGrange,
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco

Sept. 7th, 1874.

Send Supplementary Annual Report for last fiscal year showing course of Trade Dollar and advantage of its issue - also its probable future course. Confer with Garnett. A paragraph in relation to prospects of increasing production of quicksilver is desirable. Will print same in Appendix of my Annual Report.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sept. 7th 1874.

Sir:

In your letter of the 18th ult. transmitting estimates for the next fiscal year, you stated that you desired some conversation with me in relation to the increased amounts asked for, before making official communication upon the subject.

As you were confined to your residence by severe illness when I was last in New York, I could not see you upon the subject, and as I am now about to submit the estimates to the Secretary, I will thank you to explain to me as early as convenient the necessity for the increased amounts asked for.

As your reply will probably be transmitted with my letter to the Secretary, you will please give all necessary details.

In submitting the Estimates to the Secretary, I have decided to base them as to Salaries, on the rates of the current fiscal year, and in a separate communication call the Secretary's attention to the necessity of an increase in the compensation of Officers and Clerks.

In the items, "Wages of Workmen" and "Contingent Expenses", I estimate for the increased amounts asked for.

As the estimates will only show the regular appropriation for the current fiscal year, it might be well for you to state the exact expenses of your office for the last fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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C. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sept. 7th 1874.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury having devolved upon this office the collection of mining statistics, you are requested and instructed on and after the 1st of January next, to collect as fully and as accurately as practicable, such statistics with reference to your state.

The statistics will embrace Gold, Silver and Quicksilver, and the development of any new Districts or of important new mines in existing Districts will also be noted. It is not intended that mines shall be minutely described, or that information should be given under the sanction of the Mint, which would be of a character likely to lead to its use in the selling of mines.

I desire 1st. — The actual production of the precious metals.

2d. — The general condition of the mining industry.

3d. — A correct account of new discoveries, new producing mines, and probable production thereof.

The information collected under these instructions will be embraced in your Annual Report to this Office, at the close of each fiscal year.

At present there is no appropriation out of which to defray expenses in collecting these statistics.

An appropriation for the purpose will be estimated for at the next session of Congress.

The Superintendent at San Francisco will include in his report such information

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as may be practicable for him to ascertain, in relation to the production of Quicksilver in California.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 7th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I enclose letter from the Assayer at Boise, relative to what is claimed to be an excessive loss in remelting at your office, certain bars made at the Boise Assay Office, and stating that the same may have been due to some error in weighing &c.

I will thank you to examine the matter and explain the alteration of figures in stating the weight after melting.

Will you also inform me whether bars &c. are weighed after melting on the same balance as that employed in the weighing of the deposit on its receipt from the Depositor.

Please return Mr. Walker's letter, and also the certificate of deposit.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. Wolters, Esq.

Sept. 7th 1874.

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, Boise.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury having devolved upon this office the collection of Mining Statistics, you are requested and instructed on and after the 1st of January next, to collect as fully and as accurately as practicable, such statistics with reference to your State.

The Statistics will embrace Gold, Silver, and Quicksilver, and the development of any new Districts, or of important new mines in existing Districts, will also be noted.

It is not intended that mines shall be minutely described, or that information should be given under the sanction of your office, which would be of a character likely to lead to its use, in the selling of mines.

I desire first.- The actual production of the precious metals.

Second – The general condition of the mining industry.

Third – A correct account of new discoveries, new producing mines, and probable production thereof.

The information collected under these instructions will be embraced in your Annual Report to this office at the close of each fiscal year.

At present there is no appropriation out of which to defray expenses in collecting these statistics. An appropriation will be estimated for at the next session of Congress.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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J. D. Hetrich, Esq. Sept. 7th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury having devolved upon this office the collection of mining statistics, you are requested and instructed on and after the 1st of January next, to collect as fully and as accurately as practicable, such statistics with reference to your State.

The statistics will embrace Gold, Silver and Quicksilver, and the development of any new Districts or of important new mines in existing Districts will also be noted. It is not intended that mines shall be minutely described, or that information should be given under the sanction of the mint, which would be of a character likely to lead to its use in the selling of mines.

I desire 1st. The actual production of the precious metals

2. The general condition of the mining industry.

3d. A correct account of new discoveries, new producing mines, and probable production thereof.

The information collected under these instructions will be embraced in your Annual Report to this Office at the close of each fiscal year.

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Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

J. W. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Mint. Denver, Col.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 7th 1874.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. in reference to the disposition of $10.85 according to the instructions contained in my letter of the 4th inst.

As you appear to doubt the legality of the course directed to be pursued, and thought proper to add, that "even if lawful, the precedent would be a bad one, and should not be repeated," I deem it proper to state that the subject was carefully examined here, and the instructions given were believed not to violate any law. If lawful I cannot see how the precedent could be a bad one, especially as the instructions given were expressly confined to the sum in question and amounts of a similar character.

While the law does not expressly authorize the transaction, the propriety of recoining and charging the loss to some fund at the Mint other than an appropriation for the purpose, of coins that could not well be paid out by the Mint or Treasury, has not, I believe, ever been questioned. Some years before the Coinage act became a law, Gold Dollars were re-coined for the U. S. Treasury, and without any express provision of law either for the re-coinage or the payment of the loss out of any fund. Again, copper cents redeemed were re-melted, and the resulting bars sold, and the loss charged to the Cent Coinage Profit and Loss Account.

After the Coinage Law took effect, we re-coined the silver coins coined under the old law,

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the profits on the silver coinage standing the loss, and where we melt and re-coin mutilated minor coins, it is under the same authority that these silver coins are to be disposed of, there being no express provision of law authorizing the same.

When the matter was first brought to my attention by the Treasurer of the U. S. I suggested that the coins ($10.83) should be sold for minor coins, but the Treasurer objected for the reason that he does not keep a Profit & Loss account.

There did not appear to be any other course open than that adopted.

It being a well settled principle that the profits accruing from the issue of subsidiary and token coins should defray the expenses of keeping the same in good condition, it would be well to procure the passage of a general law upon the subject. There will be some difficulty in getting a carefully drawn section through Congress.

I have no means of ascertaining what amount of the 3/4 fine three cent pieces are yet out. If a provision for these coins should be made, it should make them redeemable in minor coins at the mint only, where counterfeits could be detected and rejected.

A general provision would bring in some of the subsidiary silver coins in circulation in the Pacific States, and those which have gone to South and Central America, although the amount would not be large for the reason that the issue of subsidiary coin first commenced in 1853 or 4, and twenty years circulation is not sufficient to abrade silver coins to the degree entitling them to redemption

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fixed by different countries, which I believe is about 4%.

I have called the attention of the Secretary to the propriety of instructing the various public offices not to receive any silver coin, not in condition to be paid out again. This will remedy the evil in the future, and it is not likely that the entire amount of such coins in the public Treasury will exceed $500.

Until a law is obtained upon the subject, I see no other way of disposing of such pieces than as indicated in my letter of 4th. inst.

I do not mean to say that they should be sent expressly to the Mint for that purpose, but refer to any small lot that may find its way there accidentally, as was the case with the pieces from the Treasury at New Orleans. If another case of this character arises, it will be proper for me to obtain the written approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, and before the meeting of Congress, I will submit to that officer a section for a law upon the subject, and endeavor to procure its passage in order to avoid the necessity for any doubtful action.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. Y. L. Schirmer, Esq. Sept. 7th 1874.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint. Denver.

Sir:

In answer to yours of the 2d inst. I have mailed this day the following blank forms:

15 Statement of bars manufactured.
15 Gold and Silver of Domestic Production.
15 Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.

Be kind enough to acknowledge receipt of blanks.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. Y. L. Schirmer, Esq. Sept. 7th 1874.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint - Denver.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 1st inst. in relation to change of employes in your mint, I have to say that if your Salary or Wages Appropriation will allow the employment of Mr. Andrews, I would appoint him and retain Mr. Buck.

If the appropriations referred to are not sufficient to employ an additional man, I will sustain you in whatever course you think the interests of the Mint may require.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Sept. 7th. 1874.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the discrepancy between the dates of your warrants for Ordinary expenses in July.- a majority of the same being as drawn by you dated August 5th & 6th, while parties in whose favor the warrants are drawn, date the receipt of payment thereon July 31st. 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Sept. 7th. 1874.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary expenses account of A. Wolters, Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the months of July, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Sept. 8th. 1874.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 29th ult. giving the result of assay of special coins reserved from the coinage of the Carson Mint for July 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock, Sept. 8th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, covering Certificate of Deposit #1328 for $14,591.06, unexpended balance of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30," 1874.

It was my intention when advised by you of the exact amount of the unexpended balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses, to instruct you to deposit the same to the credit of that appropriation, and subsequently to have the amount applied in gold coin towards the liquidation of the gold wastage of last year, and meet the balance of the gold wastage out of the appropriation for the recoinage of light gold coins.

The amount having been deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. it will be necessary for me to have the same placed to the credit of the Contingent appropriation for last year, and apply it as above indicated.

Your Telegram of today states the balance on account of the Contingent appropriation to be $8,029.24. In order to guard against possible error, I will thank you to inform me by letter of the exact amount belonging to the Contingent appropriation, and also the different heads of appropriations to which the balance of the sum of $14,591.06 belongs.

As soon as this information is received I will transmit the original receipt

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to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request that the balance of the Contingent appropriation be so credited as to be applicable for wastage of last year, and the remainder covered into the Treasury of the U.S.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

R. E. Preston, Esq.

Examiner.

Sept. 8th 1874

Sir:

I have to request, that on your way back from the New York Assay office, you will stop at Philadelphia and confer with the Superintendent of the Mint in relation to the Statement of Earnings and Expenditures during the last fiscal year, and which has not yet been received at this office.

The delay is understood to be due to the fact, that the amount of unexpended Contingent fund available has not yet been determined.

The bills properly payable out of last years appropriations should be ascertained and settled as early as possible, in order that we may have the necessary data before us in closing the accounts and preparing the estimates of appropriations.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers. Sept. 8th 1874.

Gibbs Avenue,

Newport, R. I.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge and thank you for your favor of the 4th inst. (received this morning) in relation to the subject of an apparatus for destroying the offensive fumes from the refineries of the assay office at New York and the mint at Carson.

You are authorized and requested to visit the New York Assay Office, at your convenience, for the purpose of obtaining the necessary information to enable us to come to an intelligent conclusion on the subject.

Very respectfully, Yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Fred. Eckfeldt, Esq. Sept. 8th 1874.

U. S. Mint, Philad.a

Dear Sir:

I have yours of yesterday. It is not probable that the Montana Assay Office building will be erected until the coming Spring.

Whenever the time arrives for procurring apparatus &c, I will advise you. In the meantime nothing can be done in the matter.

Respectfully yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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W. D. Koetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 8th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following statements exhibiting the operations of the Carson Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1874.

Statement showing weight and value of Gold and Silver Deposits.

Statement of Gold and Silver of domestic production, deposited.

Statement exhibiting the Gold and Silver coinage.

The statement of gold and silver of domestic production is incomplete, inasmuch as it does not show the localities from whence the deposits are derived.

I will thank you hereafter in making up the annual statements to use forms similar to those prescribed for the Monthly Reports.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. D Koetrich, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 8th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 31st ult. giving the result of assay of specials coins reserved from the Mint at San Francisco for the month of July, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Dr. M. Y. Bonzano. Sept. 8th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. I have to state that it is immaterial whether the certificate on the enclosed form of voucher is signed by you as "Superintendent" or "Custodian." Probably a blending of the two would be best, as "Superintendent & the Mint and Custodian."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Dr. M. Y. Bonzano. Sept. 8th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of September, 1874, has been approved as follows:

Salaries, 1875,	$285.40
Wages of Workmen, 1875	325.00

A draft for the amount will issue in due time.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. J. Y. L. Schirmer. Sept. 8th. 1874.

Assayer U. S. Mint

Denver, Col.

Plans and copy of report were sent you yesterday.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Sept. 8th 1874.

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 7th inst. I have sent you by this days mail the Blanks for your monthly reports of minor coins redeemed re-issued and exchanged.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

James Pollock,

Sept. 8th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Was any part of unexpended balances of appropriations deposited by you yesterday from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses?

Answer.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Powers & Weightman,

Sept. 9th 1874.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Gentlemen.

Referring to the enclosed memorandum, which reached this office by to-days mail, I will thank you to furnish me with a bill of items, also a copy of the order on which the goods were shipped.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Sept. 9th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses for the Quarter ending June 30. 1874, also statement of Earnings and Expenditures from April 1st. 1873 to June 30th 1874, and for the 2d quarter 1874.

The Statement of Earnings and Expenditures from April 1st to 1873 to June 30th 1874 is very satisfactory as a matter of record to be filed in this office, but what I particularly desired was a Statement for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

I have no means of separating the items for the Quarter ending June 30th 1873, in order to determine the Earnings and Expenditures for the last year, and I will thank you therefore to submit a statement covering the periods from July 1st 1873 to June 30th 1874, on the blank form enclosed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The Statement being intended as a matter of exhibit & not an account, will admit of approximation as respects items which cannot be stated exactly. H. R. L.

Telegram.

R. E. Preston,

Sept. 9th 1874.

U. S. Assay Office
New York.

You need not stop at Philadelphia.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. J. M. Eckfeldt
and O. H. Laligrange
Commissioners, &c.

Sept. 9th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of date the 8th inst.

The acting Supervising Architect telegraphs Supt. McCullough today to procure the necessary gas fixtures for the operative rooms, and put them up under your direction.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. E. DuBois, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 9th 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a small gold coin picked up by an employee of the Treasury Department in one of the street cars.

Will you be kind enough to inform me what nationality it belongs to, and its value.

Please return the coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. C. Paquet, Esq. Sept. 9th 1874.

1217 N. 15th St.
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 8th inst. I have this day shipped to your address, per Adams Express, the box of medals you left in my care.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq. Sept. 9th 1874.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved as follows:

Salaries of Officers & Clerks, 1875,	848-
Wages of Workmen, 1875,	1.270-
Contingent Expenses, 1875-	500-

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. J. J. L. Schirmer Sept. 9th 1874.

Denver. Col. U. S. Assay Office.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. and as per request therein contained have this day sent to your address a topographical map of the Territory of New Mexico issued by the War Department, also a map of Colorado Territory.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 9th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of four (4) trade dollars per Adams Express, as advised by your letter of the 7th inst., for which be pleased to accept my thanks.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 9th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Referring to so much of your letter of the 7th inst. as relates to an expenditure of $4.50 for "Coin Chart Manual" and "Prime's Coins, medals and seals", I invite attention to U. S. Treasurer's draft #4622 for $4.50, in favor of F. J. Zoellner, enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Sept. 10th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874 is received.

Also your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of July of the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 10th 1874.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday presenting the information requested in my letter of 8th inst.

A covering warrant not having been issued, the unexpended balance of the Contingent Funds, viz: $8,029 24/100 will be credited to that appropriation and subsequently drawn in gold coin, and applied to the liquidation of the gold wastage.- The balance of the latter we will have settled, out of the appropriation for the re-coinage of light gold coins, and do so at the earliest period practicable; in order that the accounts of last year may be adjusted and closed on the books of the Treasury, and of which you will be duly advised.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 10th 1874.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday enclosing four(4) different bids for ten(10) tons of Copper (proceeds of remelting old copper cents.)

You recommend, that in view of the advancing price of copper, and the probability that the quantity on hand, can probably be used in the Refineries at Carson and New York, all the bids be rejected and the Copper retained for the present.

Your recommendation is approved, and

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the Copper will be held until further advised, provided however, that if the market rate should advance to a point, at which you would deem it advisable to sell, you are authorized to dispose of it.

I have written today to the Assay Office New York, and Mint at Carson in reference to the purchase of the Copper.

The four (4) bids are returned herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Sept. 10th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant in your favor for the sum of $13,700.00, the amount requested in the Superintendent's Requisition dated Sept. 3. 1874, to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of September, 1874, payable from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1875 —— ——	$2,050.00
Wages of Workmen, 1875, ——	7,250.00
Contingent Expenses, 1875; ——	4,400.00

The Requisition forwarded on the 3d inst. has been cancelled.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. Sept. 10th 1874.

Supt. Mint. Carson, Nev.

Sir:

In the course of a week I will make application to the Secretary of the Treasury to have the Deficiency appropriations forwarded to you and when I do so will write you respecting the application of the funds in the settlement of the unpaid bills of last year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. Sept. 10th 1874.

Supt. &c. Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The Treasury has on hand at the Mint at Philadelphia about ten tons of ingot copper arising from the melt of redeemed copper cents, which if sold in the open market would bring from one to two cents per pound less than the ruling rate, although just as good as any commercial copper.

I suppose this copper can as well be used in your refinery as any other description.

If I am correct in this view please send your next order to me, and I will have it forwarded to you from Philadelphia, and your appropriation charged for the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton, Esq

Supt. &c. New York.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Sept. 10th 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of James Crawford, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the sum of Thirteen thousand seven hundred Dollars ($13,700.00) payable from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, U. S. Mint at Carson, 1875 —— $2,050.00

Wages " " " " " " —— 7,250.00

Contingent " " " " " " —— 4,400.00

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman.

Director.

A. Wolters. Esq.

Sept. 10th 1874

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, Boise City.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of a letter from Supt. Assay Office, New York, relative to the re-melting of the gold bars referred to in your letter of 28th inst. and from which it appears that the bar contained lead and probably a trace of arsenic.

It will be necessary for you to take the greatest care to have base and refractory metals, entirely eliminated from your bars. Remelting and refluxing whenever you have reason to suspect the presence of base metals.

I return herewith as requested the certificate of Donnell Lawson & Co.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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C. Hs. Sailgrange &
J. M. Eckfeldt, Esqs.

Sept. 10th 1874.

Gentlemen:

In your telegraphs to me I notice that three extra words are charged or paid ~~paids~~ for viz: "U. S. Mint" in date. These words may be omitted in future.

Your despatches to me may be addressed simply "Director of the Mint."

Yours &c.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. Y. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sept. 10th 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of August 1874. is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson Leity, Nev.

Sept. 10th 1874.

Sir:

I return herewith a letter received from your institution the same being without signature.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. J. M. Eckfeldt.

Sept. 10th 1874.

Mint. San Francisco.

Shullett telegraphs to-day to have Gas fixtures in operative rooms purchased and paid for from Building appropriation.

H. R. Linderman
Director. Mint.

James Crawford, Esq.

Sept. 11th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Carson.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your predecessors letter of the 1st inst. with the enclosures as therein stated.

There yet remains to be sent to this office a Statement of the Earnings & Expenditures of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874. There will of course be no difficulty in making up a Statement of the Earnings, and as respects the Expenditures you will present a Statement:

First: of the Expenses paid, and second, a Statement showing the unsettled liabilities of the Mint for the last fiscal year.

As far as praticable, you will please make these statements to conform to the arrangement as contained in the enclosed blank.

By referring to page 7. of my last annual Report, you will see for what purpose the Statement is required, and I will thank you to forward the same as early as possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Sept. 11th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In striking an average between the assay made at the New York office and the Philadelphia Mint of the 20 Soles of Peru, I find a slight divergence in the value, which I think arises from an error in calculation at your Institution.

In the Statement recently submitted by Mr. Acton, the coin referred to is reported as follows:

Weight oz. 1.036.4
Fineness 899½
Value $19.27.1

Mr. Du Bois, in the Statement accompanying my last Annual Report, gives the Assay as follows:

Weight oz. 1.055
Fineness .898
Value $19.21.3

The average of the two assays would give the value of the Coin as $19.24.2 which is an error, the correct average valuation being $19.42.7.

The mistake is in the value of the Philadelphia assay, which should be $19.58.4.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The error appears to be in the calculation. Please have Mr. Du Bois examine the figures and say which is correct.

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Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. &c. Philad^a

Sept. 11th 1874.

Sir:

After a careful consideration of the subject I have concluded not to suggest any legislation at present respecting the recoinage of worn silver coins, and have included in the Annual Estimates an item of $5,000. "for recoinage of gold and silver coins in the Treasury". If this amt is appropriated such re-coinages as are really necessary can be made & readily accounted for.

It will be time enough for a general law upon the subject when we return to the use of the silver coins as a part of the circulating medium.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 11th 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, respecting the style to be used for your letter and note heads &c. I have to say that you are at liberty to use any style which you may think best.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 11th 1874.

Sir:

In reply to that portion of your letter of the 10th inst. requesting instructions relative to accounting for the recoinage of certain minor coins, I respectfully invite your attention to my letter of April 18th 1873, authorizing the recoinage of the minor coins referred to in your letter of April 9th 1873, and have to request that you will send me a statement of the recoinage under the authority given in my letter referred to.

If minor coins other than the amounts referred to in your letter of April 9th 1873, have been recoined you will please furnish a statement of the same.

It appears to me that the course above indicated will bring the subject before us in form proper for action.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton. Esq.

Sept. 11th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense account of your Office for the month of August. 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq. Sept. 11th 1874.

Assayer. U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office during the month of September, 1874. has been approved for the sum of $926.60 from the following appropriations:

Salaries – 1875	$554.40
Wages of workmen, 1875	122.20
Contingent Expenses, 1875	250.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Sept. 12th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philad.a

Sir:

I am advised by Mr. Acton, that he can use all ingots which are the result of melts of the old copper cents, and containing no tin or zinc.

Full instructions as to forwarding the copper and the mode of accounting for it will be sent you in a few days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Sept. 12th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account for August, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Wm. E. DuBois, Esq. — Sept. 13th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter returning an old coin, and thank you for the information concerning its value &c.

Very truly yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas O. Acton. Esq. — Sept. 14th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your Bullion Accounts for the second quarter 1874, are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Sept. 15th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 14th inst. I enclose herewith a copy of my letter dated the 18th of April 1873, relative to the recoinage of redeemed minor coins.

I also enclose a certified copy of your letter to this office under date of April 9th 1873,- it being against the rules of the Department to allow the original letters to be taken from its files.

I am Sir very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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Henry Troemner, Esq.
710 Market St.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 15th 1874.

Sir:

I have yours of yesterday, stating that the Bullion Balances for the Carson Mint would be ready for shipment on the 22nd inst.

You will have all the weights carefully inspected and tested by the Superintendent of the Mint (Hon. James Pollock), obtain the necessary certificates of the correspondence to standard, pack the Balance &c. securely, and forward to the Carson Mint by Penna. R. R.

I will thank you to take such precaution in packing the Balance as you may regard necessary to render it secure against dampness while in transit, lining the boxes if necessary with tin, marking the words "keep dry" conspicuously upon the lids.

When you send your Bill and Certificate of the Mint as to the correctness of the weights, please state date of order for the Balance.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams.

James Crawford,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sept. 15th, 1874.

Instructions to award to lowest bidder and take security for performance of contract were sent to your predecessor on the twenty seventh ult. both by telegram and mail. If not carried out by him, you will be governed by them.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Sept. 15th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. in reference to the value of the 20 Soles of Peru.

In the concluding paragraph you state that "the calculation in the Director's letter is very far out of the way. The value is $19.21.8, not $19.58.4."

This paragraph would appear to indicate an error in the calculation of this office, whereas it was the valuation that was wrong, and that only because we were misled by an incorrect statement of weight.

The proper correction of the weight, ℥1.035, instead of ℥1.055, has been made and will appear in the next report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow — September 15th 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith the annual estimates of appropriations required for the support of this office and the Mints and Assay Offices for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1876.

Office Director of the Mint.

In the estimates for the office of the Director of the Mint at Washington an item of seven thousand dollars is embraced for continuing the collection of mining statistics. Prior to the current fiscal year an appropriation

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of fifteen thousand dollars per annum was made for that purpose. For the current year the appropriation is ten thousand dollars.

The compensation of the Commissioner of mining statistics is at the rate of five thousand dollars per annum and of his assistant three thousand dollars. These rates of compensation were fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury some years ago.

The appropriations available for the current fiscal year will be sufficient to complete the work for the calendar year 1874, on the scale covered in the Reports of the Commissioner for the last four years, and which embraced a full account of Gold and Silver mines, methods of working the same, reducing ores, description of machinery and apparatus employed, and of the geology and mineralogy of the States and Territories west of the Mississippi River, and illustrated by maps and drawings.

By the first of January the appropriation will be exhausted, and as the law prohibits the incurring of liabilities in excess of the appropriations, the services of the Commissioner and all others now engaged under this appropriation will cease, also the Commissioner's office rent in New York.

The collection of the Statistics on a modified scale will thereafter devolve on the Mint Bureau, in accordance with your instructions of July 3d. 1874, placing this business under the direction and control of the Director of the Mint.

If Congress should desire to have prepared and printed annually a large book on the subject of the mining interests of the

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country west of the Mississippi, the appropria-
-tion should be increased rather than reduced.

The subject has however, been so fully cover-
-ed during the last six years that anything
more than the procuring of all useful in-
formation in relation to the general condi-
-tion of our gold and silver mining interests, and amount
of gold and silver respectively produced an-
-nually from the mines of the United States,
appears to be unnecessary.

It is believed that the sum of seven thous-
-and dollars will be sufficient for the purpose,
and that amount has therefore been esti-
mated as necessary for the next fiscal year;
and one half of the amount should be appro-
-priated to cover the expenses of collecting the
statistics during the last six months of the
current fiscal year.

The Report of the Commissioner of Mining
Statistics is made for the calendar year. After
the present calendar year the statistical and
general information respecting the gold and
silver mining industry of the United States
will be collected for each fiscal year, and in-
corporated in the Annual Report of the
Director of the Mint.

Under the head of the same office the
sum of five thousand dollars is estimated
for re-coinage of gold and silver coins in the
Treasury. Small sums of coins which are
not in condition to pay out again occassion-
-ally find their way into the Treasury of the
United States or some of its offices, and have
to be re-coined, and as the Treasurer of the
U. S. has to account for such coins at their
-tale value, an appropriation to cover the

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difference between their bullion and denomina-tional value is necessary.

Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses.

In reference to the estimates under the respective heads of "Wages of Workmen" and "Contingent Expenses" I respectfully submit the following observations.

For the Mints of Philadelphia and Denver and the Assay offices at Boise and Charlotte, no increase under these heads is estimated for.

U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

For Freight on Bullion, the same amount is asked for as has been appropriat-ed annually for several years past, viz: five thousand dollars, and the sum of one hund-red dollars is embraced for the purchase of specimens of ores and coins to be deposited in the Cabinet of the Mint. Formerly three hundred dollars was annually appropriated for this purpose. The collection being an extensive one, the amount estimated will it is believed be sufficient for the purchase of such desirable specimens as are not in the Cabinet.

Under the head of "annealing furnaces", twenty thousand dollars is estimated for the purpose of constructing two large furnaces for annealing strips and blanks, and which are necessary for the proper despatch of busi-ness at that institution.

In reference to the item last men-tioned your attention is invited to the fol-lowing extract from the letter of Mr. Pollock, the Superintendent:

"The appropriation for two new annealing

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"furnaces is a necessity. They have been need-
"ed for several years, but from motives of econo-
"my we have endeavored to get along without
"incurring the additional expense. We
"cannot profitably do so any longer, nor
"without impairing the efficiency of the Mint,
"and continued embarrassment to its operations.
"The amount asked will be sufficient for
"the purpose, and will be judiciously ex-
-"pended."

U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

Separate items of twenty-five thousand dollars each for "Wages of Workmen" and for "Contingent Expenses" are submitted to meet the expenses which will be incurred, should the operations of refining and parting (which have been done by private enterprise since 1870) be undertaken at the new Mint at the commencement of the next fiscal year. As soon as coining operations shall have been commenced at the new Mint the necessary apparatus for refining and parting by the sulphuric acid process will be put up therein, and the Refinery kept in readiness for use whenever it shall become necessary or desirable for the Government to resume refining operations at San Francisco.

Independent of the two items just referred to an increase of twelve thousand dollars under the head of "Wages of Workmen" and eleven thousand five hundred dollars under that of "Contingent Expenses" is esti-
-mated for. It is expected that coining opera-
-tions will be commenced in the new Mint in about two months, and that a large in-
crease of business will follow, particularly

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in the coinage of Trade Dollars, the demand for which we have not been able to meet with the limited capacity of the old mint. Attention is invited to the following extract from the letter of Superintendent Stalyrange, submitting his estimates:

"It will be observed that this estimate is in excess of that allowed for the current year; this increase is necessitated by the following considerations:

It is not to be expected that less than $7,000,000. in Trade Dollars will be required to meet the constantly increasing demand for that coin. The increased labor and material required for such a coinage would cost almost the entire amount asked in excess of this years appropriation, but it is hoped that the superior facilities afforded by the new building will enable us to economize sufficiently to carry on the work of refining during the next year, and thus increase by about $50.000. Gold, the amount paid into the Treasury as earnings of the mint, which sum would otherwise be paid to outside parties for performing the work of refining.

In view of the steady increase of business at this mint, which appears likely to continue, a liberal policy in regard to appropriations would appear to be the highest prudence, for the reason that, under the existing organization of the service it is impossible for a Superintendent to expend more than is absolutely necessary to do the work required, whatever sum be appropriated, and any attempt to economize by spending less than is necessary, could only result in failing in

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such proportion to meet the requirements of the public. These estimates are based upon carefully calculated reports of the operative officers, and in no particular exceeds their figures. For the year 1876, this mint at present charges will probably earn $200.000." "

U. S. Mint at Carson.

An increase of eighteen thousand dollars over the regular appropriation for the current fiscal year is asked for, under the head of "Wages of Workmen", and an increase of forty-six thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars under the head of "Contingent Expenses."

The amount estimated for "Wages of workmen" is ten thousand dollars less than the Superintendent estimated to be necessary, and for "Contingent Expenses", I have reduced his estimate twenty three thousands two hundred and fifty dollars,- bringing the amounts respectively in correspondence with the present rate of expenditure.

The Superintendent of the Carson Mint says: "For wages I have also estimated for a small increase, as I anticipated an increased business, and consequently will require a larger operative force to handle it properly.

I am also compelled to estimate for an increased appropriation for ordinary and incidental expenses in view of the larger quantity of supplies that will be consumed with the working of the expected increased amount of deposits.

New developments are constantly being made on the Comstock Lode, and a part of the Bullion extracted from the mines that are being so developed will surely find its

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to this mint to be manufactured into bars or coin."

U. S. Assay Office, New York.

An increase of fifteen thousand dollars under the head of "Contingent Expenses" and the same amount under that of "Wages of Workmen" is estimated for, the necessity for which is explained by Superintendent Acton as follows:

"I submit the following in explanation of the increased amount over the appropriation for the present year desired:

1st. Incidental and Contingent Expenses:

Amt appropriated fiscal year ending June 30th 1875, $45,000.—

Amt expended fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, 55,000.—

Amt estimated for fiscal year ending June 30th 1876, 60,000.—

The increase of fifteen thousand dollars over the present years appropriation is based upon the continually increasing business of this office, more particularly in Silver, necessitating a larger supply of material of every description, principally coal, acid, copper, lead, crucibles, boray, &c. In addition to these we are liable at any time to be compelled to construct new condensers, tanks &c. and also to repair engine, boilers and elevator, and make the necessary alterations for additional facilities in melting and refining bullion.

2nd. Wages of workmen:

Amt appropriated	fiscal yr ending June 30, 1875,	$65,000.—
" expended	" " " " 1874,	85,305.—
" Estimated	" " " " 1875,	80,000.

Increase of fifteen thousand dollars over the appropriation for the present year is thus explained:

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As the business of the office is increases rendering a larger appropriation for Contingent Expenses necessary it is apparent that more labor must be required in the Melter and Refiner's operations to properly execute the work, and the appointment of additional workmen will become necessary"

The compensation of the Assistant Melter and Refiner, $8.00 per diem, and that of the Book-Keeper at the same rate, is paid out of the Wages appropriation. I earnestly recommend that a salary of $2,500. per annum in each case be appropriated and made permanent. The positions are important and responsible ones, and properly qualified persons to fill them cannot be obtained at less rates.

An appropriation for re-opening the Branch Mint at New Orleans to be conducted as a Mint, subject to the provisions and conditions of the Coinage act of 1873, having been made for the current fiscal year, the amount necessary to put that establishment in condition for coinage operations is embraced in the estimates.

It is proper to state that the expenditures, except as to salaries, of the Mints and Assay Offices, vary according to the amount of bullion deposited, and the particular operations to which the same is to be subjected, and this fact has necessarily been kept in view in estimating the amount required for "Wages of Workmen" and especially that for "Contingent Expenses", the latter embracing acids, copper, lead, coal, lights, crucibles, borax, nitre, and other fluxes, repairs of machinery, fixtures and apparatus. A part of the wastage is also defrayed out of the Contingent appropriation.

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It is important that the amounts estimated for "Wages of Workmen" and for "Contingent Expenses" should be appropriated. The estimates for the same are based on the present and expected state of business, and if any reduction be made it may subject the public to serious inconvenience. The law forbids the incurring of any expense in excess of the appropriations, and if the amounts appropriated should prove insufficient the coinage would have to be intermitted until additional appropriations could be procured. The increase of business at the coinage mints and assay office at New York since the coinage act of 1873 went into operation, has been very large, and necessarily required an increase of appropriations over those of former years.

With the exception of the recoinage of light gold coins, which is about completed, the business of these institutions is more likely to increase than diminish during the next fiscal year. If, however, there should from any cause be a reduction in the amount of bullion deposited and operated upon, the expenses will be correspondingly reduced, and the unexpended balances of appropriations covered into the Treasury of the United States.

At the Carson Mint, the operations prior to the last fiscal year were confined mainly to the melting and stamping of mixed bullion, which did not require much outlay for materials;- latterly, however, that mint has been engaged in separating gold and silver bullion, coining the gold, and manufacturing

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the silver into Trade Dollars and fine bars. A large increase in the expenses has necessarily followed.

It should be remembered that the amount appropriated for the support of the mint service is not expended without return to the Treasury. Charges corresponding as nearly as possible to the actual expenses of the respective operations on bullion are required to be deducted from the deposits, and paid into the Treasury of the U. S.; and the Government also realizes the gain arising from the issue of subsidiary silver and the minor coins. The statements required to enable the amount accruing to the Treasury during the last fiscal year from the gold coinage charge, and the deductions and gains referred to, have not yet all been received. It may be stated, however, that the sum will approximate to eight hundred thousand dollars.

With the foregoing explanations, the estimates of appropriations for the support of the Mint service of the United States are presented, and with the hope that they will receive your approval. I cannot close the subject, however, without earnestly calling your attention to the fact, that the salaries so far as the Mints and Assay offices are concerned are in many instances too low, and I respectfully request your consideration as to the propriety of procuring an increase of the same.

In this connection your attention is invited to the views of the Superintendents of the Coinage Mints and of the Assay Office at New York, as contained in the following extracts from their letters to me, submitting their annual

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Estimates, and which are worthy of careful consideration.

The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, says:

"I cannot refrain from again calling attention to the inadequate compensation of the officers and clerks of this institution. Leaving the salaries as appropriated in the estimates proper, I reserve for this communication an earnest appeal for justice.

The estimate of the salary of the Superintendent is the amount now fixed by law, which is at least one thousand dollars too low. Under the coinage act of 1873, the duties and responsibilities that had been previously devolved upon two persons, at an aggregate salary of eight thousand dollars, are now imposed upon the Superintendent at a salary of only four thousand five hundred dollars.

Formerly there was a Director at four thousand five hundred dollars, and a Treasurer at three thousand five hundred dollars. Now the Superintendent is charged with all the duties and liabilities of the Treasurer in addition to his own responsibilities, but without any increase of compensation.

It is respectfully submitted that the Superintendent's salary ought to be not less than five thousand five hundred dollars, and six thousand dollars would be more in keeping with the peculiarly delicate and responsible duties of the position.

I earnestly recommend increase in the salaries of the respective heads of the operative

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departments of this Mint, - they ought not to be less than four thousand dollars each.

I very much regret the unwelcome and unnecessary reduction made at the last session of Congress in the salaries of my Cashier and five Clerks, (below the units fixed) under the Coinage act of 1873. They should on the contrary, have been increased to the amounts very properly appropriated for the corresponding subordinates at the New York Assay Office. × × × I may be pardoned for adding that in the opinion of all experienced Mint Officers, the salary of the Director of the Mint at Washington is greatly disproportioned to the responsible duties of the position."

Superintendent Sa Grange of the San Francisco Mint, says:

"It will be observed that the estimate for salaries of clerks is increased by the sum of eighteen hundred dollars over the appropriation for the current year. It is believed as heretofore expressed in the correspondence of this office, that the talent and experience required to fill the positions of Chief Clerk and Cashier of this Mint ought to command at least three thousand dollars per annum, even in the service of the Government, which as a rule pays in all Departments not more than two thirds as much as like services command in private business.

Positions relative to these in the Customs, the Internal Revenue, and the Post Office, in this City, are paid for at rates varying from $3,000. to $3,700. per annum, though they require no greater labor and skill, and involve much less responsibility.

The Clerks allowed $1,800. for the current

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year receive less than workmen of ordinary skill, and the tendency of reducing salaries below a just and living rate, is to drive all competent men to seek other employment, and thus embarrass, demoralize and degrade the public service.

The four clerks allowed this mint ought, in consideration of the amount of work, and the degree of accuracy required by them, to receive not less than $2,000. per annum, which, it is to be hoped, Congress will allow for the next fiscal year."

Superintendent Acton, of the New York Assay Office, says:

"The amount of increase submitted is no more than a just compensation to tried and faithful men, some of whom, have devoted twenty years to the best interests of this office,-who are perfectly familiar with all the operations calculated to add to its reputation and promote the welfare of its depositors, and it is with the hope that the services of these gentlemen may be retained that this increase is asked, a contingency doubtful under the present rate of salaries. The discrepancy between the expenditures of the fiscal year June 1874, and the estimates for fiscal year June 1876 on account of salaries of officers and clerks, and wages of workmen is explained by the transfer of employes from the pay roll of the latter to that of the former."

When in 1873 the Mint laws were revised, it was generally conceded by those conversant with the subject that the salaries of the Mint officers were not sufficient, but it was thought

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best not to embarrass the measure with any question of this increase, and they accordingly remained as fixed several years ago.

After a careful consideration of the subject I am of the opinion that true policy, not less than justice to competent and faithful officers and clerks who are intrusted with very responsible duties, require that the mint Salaries should be moderately increased.

I am Sir, very respectfully
Your obdt Servant
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Sept. 16th. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir,

Please inform me under what authority or regulations, mutilated Minor Coins are redeemed or received at the mint, also, whether the minor coins redeemed at the Assistant Treasuries and transferred to you contain mutilated pieces.

The Circular of the Secretary of the Treasury of March 24, 1873, is silent upon that point.

If practicable please state approximately the percentage of mutilated Minor Coins which have been redeemed during any period of time which in your opinion will give a fair average.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 16th 1874.

Sir:

Referring to a copy of a letter, received by this office from the Superintendent of the Assay Office, New York, you are authorized to send the copper resulting from the melt of old copper cents to the U. S. Assay Office at New York or sell the same in Philadelphia, if it should appear more advantageous to the Government to do so.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dr. M. I. Bonzano.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 16th 1874.

Sir:

I am advised by the Messrs. Wm. H. Arthur & Co., of New York, that they had shipped to you two (2) cases containing stationery, ordered for the use of your institution. The bills for the same, amounting to $115.10, have been referred to the First Auditor for settlement and made payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1875, of which please make the necessary entry in your accounts with that appropriation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. Sept. 4th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

On the 8th of July last, your predecessor made the following requisitions for funds, viz: One for $23,400 for Contingent Expenses, appropriated by bill approved June 22, 1874.
One for $3,075 on account of the appropriation for Machinery and Repairs, appropriated by deficiency bill approved June 22, 1874, and
One for $18,000. for Contingent Expenses, appropriated by the Sundry Civil Bills, approved June 23, 1874, making a total of $44,475.

He furnished at the same time a schedule of unpaid accounts of the last fiscal year amounting to $36,774.13 coin.

This statement did not include the bill of A. Powell, amounting to $1,176.85 for copper.

In the schedule of accounts is an item of $2,902.53 covering sundry vouchers stated to be in the hands of Wells, Fargo & Co's. In the schedule of these vouchers the following bills were paid and charged in Mr. Ketrich's accounts for June:

J. Coombs	$ 104.00
Western Union Telegraph Co.	38.14
Virginia & Truckee R. R. Co.	46.33
Edward Howe,	44.31
Vouchers for Petty Expenses	19.48
Virginia and Truckee R. R. Co.	32.02
Traps and Bran	33.70
Virginia and Truckee R. R. Co.	249.46
" "	136.47
" "	52.72
M. V. Davis.	344.50

The original bills sent by Mr. Hetrick, being the unpaid liabilities of the Mint for the last fiscal year, are herewith returned.

A Statement of the total expenditures and liabilities of your Mint for the last fiscal year not having been yet furnished, I am unable to determine whether the vouchers now returned cover the total indebtedness or not.

Before paying any bills, you will first carefully ascertain the total liabilities, and afterwards settle such accounts as are properly due.

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant in your favor, for the sum of forty-five thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars ($45,675.00) on account of the following appropriations:

Contingent Expenses, 1874, (appropriated by deficiency bill approved June 22, 74)	23,400.
Contingent expenses, 74, (appropriated by Sundry Civil Bill, approved June 23, 74)	19.200.
Machinery and Repairs, 1874, (appropriated by deficiency bill approved June 22d. 1874,)	3,075.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

Sept. 16th. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th. inst. and the accounts transmitted therewith are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

Sept. 16th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson. Nev.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from your predecessor, of the 7th. inst. enclosing Statement of Earnings and Expenditures and old materials sold during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1874.

The Statement of Earnings is very incomplete, and I have to request that another Statement be forwarded, showing the Earnings from all sources, in accordance with the blank form submitted in my letter to you of the 11th inst.

No mention is made in Mr. Hetrick's report, of the gain arising from the coinage of Subsidiary Silver Coin during the year, and the Statement of Expenditures does not show the wastage of Bullion in the accounts of the operative officers, or the loss on the sale of sweeps.

I will thank you to furnish a complete statement as early as possible.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Sept. 16th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of August 1874 is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Wm. H. Arthur, & Co. Sept. 16th 1874.

55 Liberty St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. covering bills and B/L for stationery shipped to Supt. M. J. Bonzano of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans, and to inform you that I have this day approved the bills and referred them to the Accounting Officer for settlement. A draft for the amount will reach you in due course of time.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq Sept. 16th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,

Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the current month, has this day been approved for the sum of $291.00, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1875:	$269.00
Wages of Workmen, 1875,	22.00

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Sept. 16th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the current month has this day been approved for the sum of $31,695.40 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries of Officers & Clerks, 1875,	$2,095.40
Wages of Workmen, 1875,	24,600.00
Contingent Expenses, 1875,	5,000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Sept. 16th. 1874.

Supt. &c. New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for the information of your office, a copy of a letter from the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, dated the 5th. inst. in relation to the discrepancies existing between the assays of that office, and the New York Assay Office.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Walters, Esq. Sept. 16th. 1874.

Assayer &c. U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses and bullion statements, for the month of August, 1874, are rec'd

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Telegram. James Crawford,

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

September 16th 1874.

Letter of eighth instant received - Receipt of nine thousand dollars for Contingent Expenses for July and August was acknowledged by your predecessor under date of nineteenth ultimo. What disposal was made of it, and is the amount of unpaid bills for those months in addition to the same.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. &c

Sir:

Sept. 17th 1874.

I have prepared the draft of proposed new circular in relation to the redemption & Exchange of Minor Coins and send the same herewith. I will thank you to examine the proposed circular and suggest any modification or additions that may appear to be necessary. The experience gained in receiving these coins at the Mint will show more clearly what is required than is known here.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 17th 1874.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th inst., in relation to the condition of certain minor coins received from the Assistant Treasurer at St. Louis, for redemption; also letter of same date asking for copies of Circular of April 12th, 1871.

The Circular of April 12th 1871, having been issued prior to the Coinage act of 1873, had better be superceded by a new one, and which should embrace instructions to the Assistant Treasurers.

I will call the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury to the subject today, and request that notice be sent the Assistant Treasurers to comply strictly with the regulations requiring coins of the various denominations to be assorted.

When the amount received from New Orleans has been assorted, I will thank you to send me a statement of the amount of silver coins, (3 & pieces) and await instructions as to their disposition. The dollar and fractional notes I suppose you will have no difficulty in disposing of by way of an informal exchange of minor coins.

If there is no regulation emminating from the Secretary of the Treasury or this office in relation to the redemption of mutilated minor coins, it may be well to include a regulation in the new Circular. Please advise me on this point as early as convenient. I will immediately prepare draft of a new Circular, but will not submit it to the Secretary until I have heard

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from you in relation to the mutilated pieces.

The Assistant Treasurers must be compelled to observe the regulations and relieve the Philadelphia Mint from annoyances to which it should not be subjected.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

D. W. Mahony, Esq.
1st. Auditor.

Sept. 17th. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses accounts for the month of August 1874, of Thomas C. Acton, Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office New York, and J. F. L. Schirmer, Assayer in charge U. S. Mint at Denver, Col.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 17th. 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following Statements:
Sales of Sulphate Copper during July 1874.
Report of Specials Sent Coins, U. S. Mint - Aug. 1874.
Coinage Statement for the week ending Sept. 5th. 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 17th 1874.

Sir:

Referring to your letters of the 10th & 15th insts. in relation to adjusting the loss arising from the recoinage of certain minor coins, I have to state that as the appropriation of $7,500. was made for the specific purpose of covering the difference between the nominal value of copper cents redeemed and the value of the metal resulting from the melt thereof. the loss in the recoinage of any other kind or denomination of coins cannot be charged against that appropriation.

Upon the recoinage of the bronze one and nickel three and five cent coins (mutilated) and the bronze two cent pieces, you state there is a loss of about $646.19.

In my letter of April 18th 1873, you were authorized to recoin the coins referred to in your letter of April 9th 1873, the authority given for such recoinage being confined to the amounts then in the Redemption Fund. In the statement presented by you at that time, the amount in that fund of two cent bronzed coins was stated to be $49,946.67. In your letter of the 15th inst. you state that you have either recoined or have in process of recoinage $97,200.00 of that denomination of coins being an excess of $47,253.33 over the amount authorized to be recoined.

According to your statement, the recoining of $72,500. one cent copper nickel cent pieces has yielded a profit of $290.000.00.

I will thank you to furnish a statement

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showing how you arrive at this result.

The recoinage of the entire lot of coins referred to in statement "B" enclosed in your letter of April 9th 1873, having been authorized upon an expected profit, and the profit arising from the recoinage of the one cent nickel pieces being largely in excess of the loss on the two cent bronze pieces, the latter may be charged to the Minor Coinage Profit Fund.

Until further instructions you will not melt any more one or two cent bronze coins, but confine the recoinage to one cent copper nickel coins, and such mutilated coins of other denominations as may be in the Redemption Fund.

These instructions will not prevent the melting of old copper cents, as long as the appropriation of $7,500. is sufficient to cover the loss between nominal value and the value as metal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Sept. 17th 1874.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to obtain, if possible, six Silver Roubles of Russia, of late issue, and have them separately assayed, reporting the result to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Sept. 17th 1874.

Supt. Mint. Philad.a

Sir:

Now that some points connected with the redemption and recoinage of the cent (12% nickel) and two cent bronze pieces are under consideration, it will be well to review the subject in detail, make such changes as experience shows to be necessary, and thoroughly systematize the business, - and if authority on any point from the Secretary of the Treasury be necessary, or further legislation desirable, procure it.

Whilst there appears to be sufficient authority to make recoinage of one cent nickel copper coins (and because they can be recoined at a profit) the policy at least of recoining the two cent pieces may well be doubted.

If the two cent pieces, and even the other coins redeemed by the Sub-Treasurers, were to be transferred to the Assistant Treasury at Philad.a instead of to the Mint, they could be paid out when required by the public. I am informed that there is plenty of room for a large vault & means available for its immediate erection. Such a vault and plan would relieve the Mint from the inconvenience which it now suffers.

If the two cent piece is to be withdrawn and recoined into one cent pieces, Congress should so specifically direct. I confess that I should not favor such a course.

I will be glad if you will consider the question carefully, and make any recommendations that you may think would, if adopted simplify the business and relieve us from embarrassment in accounting &c.

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We shall move cautiously and make no changes in existing regulations until we see our way clear.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Sept. 17th 1874

Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th inst. in which you state that all the letters filed in your office from this office, during the months of July and August had been promptly replied to.

Since my letter of the 1st inst. several of the reports called for have been received.

It is very desirable that the Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending June 30th last should be rendered. If they have not been sent, upon receipt of this letter you will please cause the matter to be immediately attended to.

The Ordinary account is required by law and regulations to be rendered monthly.

It is important that this account be forwarded as soon after the close of each month as possible. In any case where the rendition of the ordinary account may be delayed, an informal statement of the amount of bills paid during the month, and unpaid bills, should be forwarded immediately after the close of the month. We must endeavor to bring matters in shape to pay our bills promptly, in order that the Ordinary Account may be rendered as required and contemplated in the instructions.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Sept. 17th 1874.

Supt. &c.

Sir:

A month or two ago you were requested to state the amount of gold coin or blanks which could be adjusted per day by a single employé. The letter has no doubt escaped your attention amid the numerous statements, exhibits & reports, which have been called for under the new organization.

Please furnish the information at your convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Sept. 18th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In preparing the rough draft of circular in relation to redemption of minor coins sent you yesterday, the two circulars referred to in your letter of the previous date were used, and without examining the sections of the Coinage Act upon the subject. By that act it would appear that only the Treasury, Sub-Treasuries, and certain designated Depositaries are authorized to redeem such coins. If this be so, and provided previous laws not repealed by the Coinage Act do not authorize the Mint at Philadelphia to redeem, the Circular will have to be modified after its return here.

The reasons presented in your letter of yesterday for redeeming mutilated minor

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coins, appear to be sufficient to justify the custom which has attained, but there should be a regulation upon the subject under the Coinage Act, and the same should be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, or at least approved by him.

It is probable that when you come to examine the Regulations closely, it will be found that the custom of redeeming mutilated minor coins which had attained at the Mint under the old regime has been continued since the Coinage Act went into effect and without any regulation having been prescribed upon the subject. So far as the Treasury and its officers are concerned, it does not affect us, but if the Mint redeems these pieces there should be a regulation on the subject.

I will be glad to hear further from you upon the subject, and before the new circular is submitted to the Secretary.

Casually, I may mention that in conversation with the Supervising Architect today, I learned that abundance of vault room at the Sub-Treasury in your city can be conveniently provided for the storage of redeemed minor coins.

You will please understand that my desire in making these inquiries, is to have any doubtful points removed, and the entire business simplified, and to do so now, that the subject has come up, in adjusting the accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow Sept. 18th 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

On the 8th of July last Mr. Frank D. Hetrich, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, made requisitions on the following appropriations for the support of his institution, viz:

One for $23,400.00 for Contingent Expenses, appropriated by bill approved June 22, 1874.

One for $3,075. on account of appropriation for Machinery and Repairs, appropriated by deficiency bill approved June 22, 1874; and one for $18,000. for Contingent Expenses appropriated by Sundry Civil Bill, approved June 23, 1874, making a total of $44,475.00

A change in the office of Superintendent being contemplated at the time these requisitions were received, they were retained in this office.

The new Superintendent, James Crawford, Esq. having entered upon the duties of his office, I have to request that you will cause a warrant to issue in his favor for the sum of forty-four thousand eight hundred and two and 90/100 dollars, on account of the following appropriations:

Contingent Expenses, Mint of the U.S. at Carson, 74-75, (appropriated by deficiency bill approved June 22, 1874.)	22,527.90
Contingent Expenses, Mint U.S. at Carson, '75, (appropriated by Sundry Civil Bill, approved June 23, 1874.)	19,200.00
Machinery and Repairs, Mint U.S. at Carson, 1874, (appropriated by deficiency bill approved June 22, 1874.	3,075.00

The difference of $1,200. between the amount asked for by Mr. Hetrich on a/c of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1875, (appropriated S.C. Bill

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approved June 23, 1874) and that named in favor of Mr. Crawford, is occasioned by errors in schedules of bills furnished by the former, and by a bill for copper received since Mr. Hetrick's schedule of bills came to hand and not included therein.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

John C. Wharton, Esq.

Sept. 18th 1874.

Louisville. Ky.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting your accounts for services rendered and expenses incurred by you in visiting the Mints of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. and San Francisco Cal. by direction of this office, and Portland Oregon, by authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to inquire as to the necessity for an Assay Office at that point is received.

I have to inform you that as the accounts are payable out of three different appropriations, that it will be necessary for you to render a separate account for your services and expenses in connection with your visit to the Mint, at Carson City, Nevada, the same as regards the Mint at San Francisco and your trips to Portland, Oregon, your accounts are therefore returned herewith that they may be rendered accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. Sept. 18th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day approved and forwarded your requisition for funds to pay unpaid bills of July and August for the sum of twenty thousand three hundred and seventy-six and 49/100 dollars from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses 1875.

This will leave an available balance for Contingent Expenses of abont $14,000. and no purchases or contracts in excess of that amount must be made.

Referring to the requisition in your favor for $44,802.20/100 as advised in my letter this day, I have to request that you render a supplemental account as early after the receipt of the funds and payment of the bills of last year as possible. If any balance be left you will be further instructed as to its disposition.

As we shall have to apply to Congress for an additional appropriation for Contingent Expences, it will be necessary for me to be well advised in relation to your operations; you will therefore submit as early after the close of the present quarter as possible, a statement showing the expenses and earnings of your Mint for the quarter. You will make a similar statement for the months of October and November.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 18th. 1874.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 16th. inst. in relation to remittances on account of appropriations to cancel unpaid bills for the last fiscal year, I have to inform you that so much of said letter as states that the total remittances on account of the appropriations named to be $45,675.00 is hereby revoked, and I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant in your favor for the sum of $44,802.90 on account of the following appropriations:

Contingent Expenses, 1874-75 (appropriated by deficiency bill approved June 22, 1874)	22,527.90
Contingent Expenses, 1875 (appropriated by Sundry Civil Bill, approved June 23, 1874)	19,200.00
Machinery and Repairs, 1874, (appropriated by deficiency bill approved June 22, 1874)	3,075.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sept. 19th. 1874.

Sir:

I have this day shipped you per Adams Express Company a box containing the necessary blank forms for the use of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Sept. 19th 1874.

Sir:

The rule of the Department being not to advance a Disbursing Officer an amount in excess of his bond, and having previously recommended an advance to you of $44,802.90 from the appropriations for deficiencies &c. of your Mint for the last fiscal year, I have to inform you that in order to comply with the rules of the Department of the withdrawal of the requisition in your favor for $20,376.49 from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the current fiscal year, the approval of which you were advised yesterday and in lieu thereof the approval of a requisition from the same appropriation for the sum of $10,000. to be applied to the payment of unpaid bills for the months of July & August.

As soon as you have rendered your accounts for disbursements on account of supplies &c. purchased by your predecessor in office during the last fiscal year a further remittance will be made you to pay the balance of unpaid bills for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

Sept. 19th 1874.

You are authorized to make the addition to the working force of the Coiners Department as recommended in your letter of the (12th) twelfth instant.

H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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James Pollock, Esq.

Sept. 19th 1874.

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. in relation to the minor coins received from the Asst. Treasurer at St. Louis Mo. has been received, and you are authorized to dispose of the three cent (3 ¢) silver pieces as suggested in the concluding paragraph of your letter.

I had thought to have the Treasury dispose of the matter, but it appearing that in one or more cases the item was charged against the appropriation for light gold coins, and would so be charged in this case, it will be better to follow the course pursued in the case of the coins received from the U. S. Asst. Treas'r at New Orleans, La.

It must not, however be regarded as a precedent to follow in future, except as to trifling sums of three cent (3 ¢) silver pieces contained in minor coins transferred.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.

September 19th 1874.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses of James Pollock, Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — Sept. 19th 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. directing me to cause the amount of sixteen days salary to be deducted from the pay of Mrs. E. W. Burnett, Translator in this office on account of absence without leave.

During Mrs. Burnetts absence she procured for this office a long and difficult translation of the Coinage Law of Portugal; in view of which I respectfully recommend that she be allowed pay for the time she was absent in excess of her leave, or as much as in your judgment you may deem proper.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — Sept. 19th 1874

Superintendent &c.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day Telegraphed you as follows: "You are authorized to make the addition to the working force of the Coiner's Department as recommended in your letter of the twelfth (12th) inst."

You will therefore please submit the names and rate per diem of such additional force as you may deem necessary for the proper transaction of the business of your institution, for my approval.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
Carson City, Nev.

Sept. 19th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 12th inst. submitting for my approval the appointment of Thomas Higgins Esq. as Annealer in the Coiners' Dept. vice John J. Baird removed.

In submitting these changes you omitted to enclose the recommendation of Mr. Doane, the Coiner, as required by the 4th section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Action in the premises is suspended until the receipt of said recommendation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Shalgrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 19th 1874.

Sir:

I return herewith your account current of Ordinary Expenses for the month of August that you may correct it so as to make your balances agree with your account for the month of July, after being rendered as requested in my letter of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Wm. McElhinney Esq. Sept. 19th 1874.

Helena, Montana Territory.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to an appointment in the Assay Office to be established at Helena M.T. has been by that Officer referred to this Bureau.

In reply I have to inform you that there will be no appointments made in that office until a site is obtained for the building and it erected. Your application will be placed on file.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. D. Hoetrich Esq. Sept. 21st 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

You are requested to render and transmit to this office your bullion accounts for the second quarter and for the fractional part of the third quarter 1874 you were in office.

You are also requested to render your account of Ordinary Expenses from July 1st to Sept. 8th 1874 without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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John Hoey, Esq.

Sept. 21st 1874.

Supt. Adams Express Co.
New York City.

Sir:

The First National Bank of Santa Fé, New Mexico, having applied for minor coins of the denominations of one, three and five cents, under the provisions of law requiring the expense of transportation to be borne by the mint, I have to request that you will inform me what is the western limit of your line in the direction of Santa Fé; and also whether there is an Express Line from that point to Santa Fé.

I would be glad in case such line exists if you will give me some idea of the cost of transporting pay $500. or $1000.00 of these coins from the Western terminus of your line to Santa Fé.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.

Sept. 21st 1874.

Assayer &c. U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

You are requested to render and transmit to this office your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of August 1874.

This account should be rendered promptly at the expiration of each month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Laforange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 21st. 1874.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish this office with a statement in detail showing the loss on light gold coins recoined in order that the necessary steps may be taken to reimburse your Bullion Fund, for the difference between the nominal and bullion value of these coins, the loss on the recoinage of which is not a proper charge against your Profit and Loss account, but must be reimbursed to the Bullion Fund from the appropriation for loss in the recoinage of light gold coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. L. Bowyard, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sept. 21st. 1874

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst. you are authorized to pay the men employed extra time during the recent troubles in New Orleans, out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, referring to this letter as authority for so doing.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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D. W. Mahon, Esq. Sept. 21st. 1874.
First Auditor

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses accounts of James Pollock, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia for the months of July and August 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. Sept. 21st. 1874.
First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion accounts of Thomas C. Acton, Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the quarter ending June 30th. 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Pollock, Esq. Sept. 21st. 1874.
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday transmitting the report of Assayer Dubois on spectroscopic Assays, as requested in my letter of the 1st. inst. has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 21st. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication in relation to the bad condition of the roof of your office, & have to inform you that the same has been referred to the Supervising Architect with a favorable recommendation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas. C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 21st. 1874.

Superintendent &c.
N. York.

Sir:

If any experiments in assaying by the Spectroscope (Spectrum Analysis) have been made by your assayer, I should be glad to receive a report from him upon the subject which will give the results and conclusions arrived at.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

G. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Sept. 22d. 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

You are requested to furnish this office with a statement showing the amount received by you from depositors for parting and refining and the amount paid the San Francisco Assaying & Refining works on account thereof during the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1874.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sept. 22d. 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of yesterday returning the rough draft of a proposed New Minor Coin Redemption Circular, accompanied by a substitute therefor.

The substitute submitted by you has been referred to the proper authority with the recommendation that the same be adopted & all previous circulars on the subject abrogated.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson Cityy. Nev.

Sept. 22d. 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith finds supplementary Pay Rolls of Workmen, amounting to $561.09. for extra work performed during the month of July 1874, and which your predecessor in his letter under date of August 20 says, was absolutely necessary.

You are authorized to include the amount in your next requisition for funds from the appropriation for Wages of Workmen of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 22d. 1874.

Sir:

I send by Express today some tabular statements intended to accompany my Annual Report, which you will please cause to be carefully examined by the Assayer. The tables have been carefully prepared by the Computer of Bullion in this office, and are probably correct, but it being important that such tables should be entirely free from inaccuracies, I have deemed it best to have the tables subjected to the check of your Assayer, much as I dislike to increase his official labors.

Several averages having been made in the weight and value of foreign coins, on account of the differences in the reports between the New York office and your mint, I enclose Mr. Acton's Report in order that the Assayer may readily determine the changes.

I will thank you in making the corrections, to note the same on separate sheets from those transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Edward T. Steel, Esq.
#600 – Market St.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 22d. 1874.

Sir:

The date of the act referred to in your letter of the 21st inst. is "June 16, 1874."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sept. 22d. 1874.

Sir:

Upon examination of your receipts for funds transferred to you by your predecessor in office it appears that you received from him the sum of $169.93 currency, being balance of the appropriation on hand belonging to the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1874. also the sum of $869.28 currency. The fund to which the latter sum pertains is not stated.

Your attention is called to the fact that the first named sum must be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation from which drawn, as a repayment by Mr. Hetrich, the law not permitting the transfer of funds of this character by an out-going officer to his successor, and should the sum of $869.28 belong to the Ordinary fund, it must also be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation to which it belongs, when it becomes subject to your requisition.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

Sept. 22d. 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing official oaths of N. M. Jellison and John J. Combs.

The letter nominating these persons being without signature, was returned to you on the 16th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Sept. 22d. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of October, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $31.700.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$3,200.00
Wages	"	21.500.
Contingent Expenses	"	7.000.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Sept. 23d. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint - Philad'a.

Sir:

The Assistant Treasurer at New York writes to the Secretary that there is a redundancy in the one and two cent pieces, over $3,000.00 having accumulated at New York since the recent transfer to the Mint.

Can you arrange to receive the above amount?

The greater portion of the redemption appearing to have been made at the Philadelphia Mint, the authorities here fear much confusion will arise if the Mint does not continue to redeem, and for the present, at least, they will decide to continue the practice which has prevailed, and includes the Mint at Philadelphia in the new Circular.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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R. W. Raymond, Esq.

Sept. 23d. 1874.

Commissioner of Mining Statistics.

Sir:

I will print in the Appendix of my Report for the last fiscal year, some valuable information in relation to the Annual production of gold and silver in different countries, and should like to be able to state approximately, the total production of the precious metals, gold and silver respectively, in the United States since 1849.

I suppose you are more likely to have the materials for making up such a statement than any one else. I should also like to have a similar statement for Australia, and will feel obliged for any information in relation to the production of the Russian Empire.

I will thank you to furnish the information asked for, before the 8th. proximo, if possible.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

E. Grehon, Esq.

Sept. 24th. 1874.

2013 Columbia ave,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your designs for the "Metis" medal.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 24th 1874.

Sir:

Professors Booth & Rogers having recommended that one or two barrels of assayed sweeps be sent from the Philadelphia Mint to New York to be treated by the Dodge machine, in their presence, and that the amalgam and all residues be returned to the Mint, you are authorized and instructed to place two barrels of assayed sweeps at the disposal of those gentlemen, taking a deposit in gold coin of two thirds of their assayed value from Mr. Dodge, if you should think it necessary or advisable.

You will also request Professors Booth and Rogers to have the sweeps treated under their personal inspection, and you will pay their actual necessary travelling expenses out of your Contingent Fund.

After the trial shall have been completed, Professors Booth and Rogers will submit the result through you to this office, a copy of the report of those gentlemen on the subject, is herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

George Letterman, Esq.
#164 - Ash & Thompson St.
Bridesburg, Philad.a

Sept. 24th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication submitting designs for the "Mexis medals."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. Thos. Le. Acton.

Supt &c.

Sept. 24th 1874.

Sir:

A gold coin of recent issue viz: the "eight florins – twenty francs" piece appears to have become current in the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

If you can obtain a specimen in your city, please have it assayed, and the weight, fineness & value reported to me. I should also like to have a specimen for the cabinet of the Mint Bureau.

Respectfully yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas Le. Acton, Esq.

Supt. &c. N. G.

Sept. 24th 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a communication from Prof. R. Le. Rogers relative to the means necessary to remedy the annoying fumes emitted from your refinery.

As soon as Mr. Mason shall have returned to his duty, you will please cause this subject to be thoroughly examined, and carry out so much of the recommendations of Prof. Rogers as may appear to be required to remedy the evil complained of.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sept. 24th. 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 17th inst. advising me of the receipt of my letter of Sept. 10th 1874, and enclosing requisition for the month of September, 1874.

Inasmuch as the previous requisition for Sept. signed by your predecessor Mr. Hetrich, did not reach this office until after he had ceased to be the Superintendent, and the same being made payable to his order, it was found necessary to cancel the requisition, and in lieu thereof I addressed a letter to the Secretary, which answered the same purpose, requesting him to issue his warrant for the amount needed $13,700. payable to your order.

I return herewith your requisition cancelled, the same not being needed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jno. Carlin, Esq.

Sept. 24th 1874.

#212 West 25th St. New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 17th inst. enclosing designs for the "Metis" and "Life-saving" medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. Van Oley, Esq. Sept. 24th 1874.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication submitting designs for the "Metis" and "Life-Saving" medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

(Returned from Dead Letter Office)

Similar letter addressed to

Chas. E. Lewis, Esq.
U. S. Coast Survey,
Washington, D.C.

J. Goldsborough Bruff, Esq
Washington,
D.C.

James Crawford, Esq Sept. 24th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. relative to copper, and the course of the Union & Central Pacific R. R. Cos. in charging local rates on all Eastern shipments of supplies for your Mint is received.

I will thank you to furnish this Office with a statement showing the shipments upon which local freight rates were charged by the above named companies, after their Eastern connections had signed Bills of Lading for through freights, in order that a claim of reclamation may be made for the amount overcharged.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thanks for calling my attention to this extortion & which we will try and have promptly corrected. L.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers. Sept. 24th 1874.

Dear Sir:

I have your valuable favor of 19th inst. relative to the offensive fumes of the Refinery at New York.

In anticipation of an early visit to California, and of the occupation of the new mint there for Coining operations and arriving at a definite conclusion relative to the erection of the Refinery, I am induced to inquire at what time in the Spring your duties would permit you to be absent for a months or two.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hugo Eichholtz, Esq. Sept. 24th 1874.

U. S. Coast Survey

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th inst. submitting designs for the "Medis" & "Life-Saving" medals.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

E. A. Meuth, Esq. Sept. 24th 1874.

U. S. Coast Survey

Wash'n. D. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the designs submitted by you in response to Mint Circular of August 8th 1874.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Geo. W. Humphrey, Esq. Sept. 24th. 1874.
#421 - Taylor St.
Wilmington, Del.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st. inst. submitting designs for the "Metis" & "Life-Saving" medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

B. Homans Jr. Esq. September 25th. 1874.
P. O. Box - 4574 -
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th. inst. you are informed that no new coins have been received during the present year. Should any come to hand, will advise you, and will cheerfully comply with your request to allow the same to be photographed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq. Sept. 25th. 1874.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d. inst. transmitting your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of August 1874 is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104 E-035 Vol 004

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 25th. 1874.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to supplying the First National Bank of Santa Fé with five cent nickel coins, I have to inform you that the Treasury is about to send to the U. S. Designated Depository at that place the sum of $2,000. in that denomination of coin, from which the 1st National Bank can obtain the $1,000. it requires.

It was the intention to send only $1,000. to Santa Fé, but I suggested an additional one thousand dollars be sent to meet the demand of the bank referred to, the Department having to pay the transportation whether sent as herein indicated or otherwise. The transfer will be made from here after being procured from the mint for that purpose.

Be pleased to advise the 1st National Bank of Santa Fé accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.

Sept. 25th. 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find requisition of the Coiner of the San Francisco Mint for dies for the year 1875, which I will thank you to cause to be prepared and forwarded, and this office advised.

Very respectfully.
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

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Thomas Le. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sept. 25th 1874.

Sir:

Referring to the subject of my letter of the 10th inst. in relation to your purchasing for use in the Refinery the copper ingots resulting from melts of old copper cents at the Philadelphia Mint, I have to inform you that advantageous offers having been made for its purchase by parties outside it has been decided to dispose of the whole of it. You will be guided accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. A. J. Lewis

828 N. Broad St.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 25th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. and accompanying five designs for the "Metis" and "Life-Saving" medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
First Auditor.

Sept. 25th 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion accounts of O. H. Laigrange, Supt. Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, for the quarter ending June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 25th 1874.

Sir:

By direction of this office under date of July 21st 1874 the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia has caused to be melted the old copper cents which had accumulated in the Redemption Fund of the tale value of nine thousand three hundred & eighty-seven 31/100 Dollars ($9.387.31) producing twenty-one thousand one hundred seventy three (21173) lbs. of Copper Ingots, which have been disposed of at the rate of 20 1/16 ¢ per pound, realizing four thousand two hundred and forty seven 83/100 dollars ($4,247.83) showing a loss of five thousand one hundred and thirty-nine 48/100 dollars ($5.139.48) I have therefore to respectfully request that you will cause an account to be stated in favor of J. E. Spinner, Treasurer of the United States for the sum of five thousand one hundred and thirty-nine 48/100 dollars ($5.139.48) to be made payable from the appropriation for "loss in the redemption of old copper cents", and that he be instructed to credit the same on his books as a transfer of funds from the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund of the Mint at Philadelphia. I transmit herewith for your information a letter from the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the U. S. and referred to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Mr. Morton Christenson — Sept. 25th. 1874.

#757 Christ Avenue
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, by re-shipment from the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, of your design for a "Life Saving" Medal; also a letter forwarded by the Superintendent.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. C. E. Guss — Sept. 25th. 1874.

Macon, Ga.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd. inst. and accompanying designs for "Metis" and "Life Saving" medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Groenmer, Esq. — Sept. 26th. 1874.

710 Market St. Philad.a

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th. inst. enclosing triplicate bills for one set Standaird Troy weights, shipped the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans is received. Your account has been referred to the accounting officers for settlement and in due time you will receive a draft for the amount - $40.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Sept. 26th 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I respectfully request authority to purchase through the Superintendent of the Assay Office, New York, and under the provisions of the 27th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, one hundred thousand ounces of standard Silver bullion, and its subsequent transfer to the bullion fund of the mint at Philadelphia and coinage into dimes.

The price of silver bullion has recently declined to 125 cents per ounce fine, or 112½ cents per ounce standard, and if coined will give a gain of nearly 12 cents per ounce, or about 10½ per cent on the gold used in the purchase.

The mint at Philadelphia being not now fully employed, could execute the proposed coinage conveniently and without any addition of force or working extra hours.

It will be well to have a fair supply of Dimes on hand, as the coinage of any considerable amount in value would require as much time, nearly, as the coinage of a corresponding number of gold dollars or quarter eagles.

The price to be paid should be the lowest market rate, and not above 112½ cents gold per standard ounce.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obt servant

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Jeremiah Colburn, Esq. Sept. 26th 1874.

President Boston, Numismatic Soc.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge your letter of 24th inst. requesting specimens of such pattern coins as may be designed at the Mint, and to say that your application has been this day referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadª with instructions to furnish you with pattern pieces according to the provisions of the Regulations governing the striking and disposition of such pieces.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

John L. Wharton, Esq. Sept. 26th 1874

Louisville, Ky.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d inst. enclosing your accounts for services and expenses incurred by you in visiting the Mints of the U. S. at Carson City, Nev. and San Francisco Calª by direction of this Office, and Portland, Oregon, by authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to inquire as to the necessity of a U. S. Assay Office at that point, is received.

Your accounts have been referred to the proper officers for settlement, and in due time you will receive drafts for the amounts thereof.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

RG104 E-285 Vol 004

M. F. Bonzano, Esq. Sept. 26th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information the triplicate bill of Henry Groenmer for one set of Standard Troy weights, shipped you per Adams Express Company. Mr. Groenmer's account has been referred to the accounting officers for settlement, and the amount $40. to be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow Sept. 26th 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the account of John L. Wharton, for services and expenses incurred in visiting Portland, Oregon, by your direction under date of July 20, 1874 "to inquire as to the necessity for a United States Assay-Office at that point."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint Philad.a Pa. Sept. 28th 1874.

Delay reply on Minor Coin subject until you receive new Circular.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 28th. 1874.

Sir:

In view of my contemplated official visit to the Western Mints (about the 10th. proximo) I suggest that any matters which you may think advisable to submit for the appropriate action of this office be presented in the early part of the coming week.

The House Committee of appropriations will meet in this city in November, and probably consider the mint estimates before my return.

I will arrange before leaving for the west to have you invited before the Committee for the purpose of giving your views in relation to an increase of certain salaries.

I will endeavor to return here before the Committee complete their work and have a hearing on the subject, but whether I get back in time for that purpose or not, it will be important for both you and Superintendent Acton to appear before the Committee. Extracts from your letter, and the letters of Supt. Acton and Sea Grange in favor of an increase of salaries are given in my letter to the Secretary submitting the estimates, and which will be contained in the printed book of estimates.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams.

Supt. Mint. San Francisco.

Sept. 28th. 1874.

Telegraph gold and silver coinages for September.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 28th 1874.

Sir:

Referring to my telegram of this date requesting you to delay the reply to several recent letters on the subject of the redemption of minor coins until you should receive the new circular, I now enclose a proof of the circular in order that you may have it before you in writing upon any points not therein embraced.

The circular appears to cover all necessary points connected with the purchase, exchange or redemption of minor coins, and so far as the same are referred to in my letters need not be considered.

There yet remains to be considered a question of the withdrawal of these coins from the Redemption Funds, and the re-issuing or melting of the same.

It would appear desirable to continue the withdrawal of the one cent nickel-copper piece, and the use of the metal resulting from the melt thereof in the manufacture of the three and five cent copper-nickel coins, and it will be necessary to melt such redeemed pieces of the different denominations, the condition of which is such as to render them unfit for re-issue.

These redeemed coins being money in the treasury should be, as to their withdrawal for re-coinage, the subject of Treasury and not Mint regulations. I propose therefore to make a recommendation to that effect, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with a view to have the necessary regulations prescribed.

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I am informed by Mr. Guthrie, of the Treasurer's office, who has charge of the matter, that the mode of withdrawal and of accounting works very satisfactorily. It is not proposed to modify the same in any particular.

I shall delay my communication to the Secretary of the Treasury until I hear from you upon the subject, and which I hope will be in the course of a day or two.

Whilst I doubt the policy of withdrawing from circulation the two cent bronze piece, I shall be glad to hear from you on that point.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Sept. 28th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing re-statement of your supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874 and corrected statements of accounts for the month of July and August 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint, Carson, Nevada. Sept. 28th 1874.

Telegraph gold and silver coinage for September.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104 E-233 Vol 004

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 28th 1874.

Sir:

With a view to have the benefit of the opinion of the officers of the Mint at Philadelphia in making a selection from the designs received for the "Metis" and "Life-Saving" medals, the designs received up to the 30th inst. will be forwarded to you, and when received I will thank you to examine them in connection with your officers, and report as to their merit and adaptation to the purpose for which they are intended, - itemizing those from which you would recommend that the selection be made returning at the same time all the designs forwarded.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 28th 1874.

Sir:

Your letters of the 26th inst. enclosing Certificates of Deposits for Profits on Medals, and Proceeds of old material sold, are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Sept. 28th. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a letter addressed by this office under date of the 21st. inst. to your predecessor in office, and have to respectfully request that you will afford Mr. Hetrich every facility in rendering the accounts called for.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Miss. C. A. Northam,
44 Tompkins Place
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sept. 28th. 1874.

Madam.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th. inst. and accompanying designs (3) for the "Metis" medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
First Auditor.

Sept. 28th.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Calvin J. Cowles, Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. for the month of August 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Homer Lee, Esq.

Sept. 28th. 1874.

62 Liberty St. N.Y.

Sir:

I have your favr of 26th. inst. and although it would afford me pleasure to allow a few days time for you to send in your designs for the "Metis" & "Life Saving" medals, I must regard the time as limited to the 30th. inst., as fixed in the Circular.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Wm. G. Lutz.

Sept. 28th. 1874.

1013 Penna Ave.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th. inst. and accompanying designs for the "Metis" medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers

Sept. 28th. 1874.

University of Penna
Philadelphia.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your favr of the 27th. inst. I have to say that I expect to be in your city in a few days, and will let you know when and where you can see me.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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C. He. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sept. 29th 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copies of letters from the Superintendent and Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia, in reference to your request to have certain dies for next year made 2 1/4 inches in length.

Requesting your attention to the observations and suggestions of the Engraver, you will please inform me whether the dies shall be made of the length ordered by you, or similar in size to those heretofore furnished.

The order will be held under consideration until your answer is received by telegraph, which please send immediately upon receipt hereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Mr. C. E. Lewis
U. S. Coast Survey Office
Washington, D.C.

Sept. 29th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. and accompanying "Appendix" sketch to "Metis" and Life-Saving medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Henry Troemner, Esq.

710 Market St.

Philadelphia.

Sept. 29th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th inst. enclosing bills in triplicate, and bill of lading, for gold balances shipped the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nevada is received.

Your account has been referred to the accounting officers for settlement, and in due time you will receive a draft for the amount thereof.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nevada.

Sept. 29th 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information triplicate bill of Henry Troemner for gold scales, purchased of him for the use of your Mint, and which were shipped you on the 28th inst. Mr. Troemner's bill will be paid here from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the Current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 29th. 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th. inst. in relation to the size of dies ordered by San Francisco Mint for the year 1875, and to say that the matter will be held under advisement until Supt. Le Grange is heard from.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
First Auditor.

Sept. 29th. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses Account of O. H. LaGrange, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco for the months of July and August 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
First Auditor.

Sept. 29th. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Supplemental Ordinary Expense Account of O. H. LaGrange Esq. Supt. U. S. Mint at San Francisco Calª. for the fiscal year ending June 30," 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Mr. Paul Erichsen — Sept. 29th 1874.

U. S. Coast Survey Office
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. and accompanying designs for the "Metis" and "Life-Saving" Medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Walter J. Hoffman, Esq. — Sept. 29th 1874.

244 South 5th St.
Reading, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. and accompanying six designs for the "Metis" and "Life-saving" Medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. E. A. Maedel. — Sept. 29th 1874.

U. S. Coast Survey Office
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. and accompanying designs (5) for the "Metis" and "Life-Saving" Medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Job. E. Stevenson. Sept. 30th 1874.

Dear Sir:

The Treasurer of the United States has referred to me your letter to him of 26th inst., in which you request to be informed of the history of the 5 cent copper nickel coin, the value of a nickel, and the history, object, value &c. of the Trade Dollar.

The 5 cent copper nickel piece was issued under the act of May 16th, 1866, weight $77\frac{16}{100}$ grains, or 5 grams, composed of 75% copper, and 25% nickel. It is redeemable in U.S. notes.

It appears to have been issued to take the place of the fractional note of the same denomination & afterwards withdrawn. The price of nickel at present is from $2.75 to $3- per pound avoirdupois. Copper 20 to 25 cents per pound.

The Trade Dollar weighs 420 grains troy, same fineness (900 thous. or 9/10ths.) as the subsidiary silver coins & which are issued at the rate of $385\frac{8}{10}$ grains troy to the dollar, composed of 1/2 & 1/4 dollars or dimes.

The object of the issue of the Trade Dollar is shown on pages 9, 10 & 11 of the pamphlet sent herewith. The result so far has been very satisfactory.

I take the liberty of sending you also a copy of my last Annual Report & refer you to pages 116, 117, 118 & 119 for full information on the subject of silver coinage.

My Annual Report for the fiscal year 1873-4 notes fully the course of silver bullion, but will not be printed until the meeting of Congress.

If my reply is not as full and particular as you desire, I shall be glad to make it so.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 30th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday expressing your satisfaction with the new Minor Coinage Circular and making suggestions relative to recoinages of certain pieces (mutilated &c.) has been received.

The question of further regulations upon the subject will be considered as soon as may be convenient. In the meantime no further withdrawals of Minor Coins for melting will be made except as to the copper cents.

Proper provision will of course be made for your relief as respects the counterfeit pieces you refer to, but you must continue to exercise the utmost care to detect and reject such pieces.

Respectfully &c.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 30, " 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the information of yourself and the Assayer, Melter and Refiner and Coiner of the Mint, please finds a copy of Assayer Torrey's report of the test assays of the coinage of your mint for the month of September, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

Messrs. Franklin E. Felton
and Samuel N. Small,
508 Walnut street.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 30th. 1874.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of date the 29th. inst. and the accompanying designs for the "Metis" and "Life-saving" medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Herman Lauten,
Cor. 7th and Y. Sts.
Washington, D.C.

Sept. 30th. 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. and accompanying designs (obverse & reverse) for the "Metis" medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mrs. E. G. Dyke,
Staunton. Va.

Sept. 30th. 1874.

Madam.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. and accompaning designs for "Metis" and "Life-Saving" medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Sept. 30th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The enclosed samples of ores forwarded from Noble County, Ohio, I will thank you to be assayed and the result reported to this office

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. Walters, Esqr. — Sept. 30th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the first and second quarters 1874, were returned to you August 25th for corrections.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — Sept. 30th 1874.

Superintendent &c.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing the official oath of August Hebberling, Helper in the Melter and Refiners Department of your institution.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

October 1st 1874.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the prices paid by you for buck gloves, viz:

Greenebaum Brothers, April 29th 1874, 6 doz. @ $16. per dozen coin.

L. Strauss & Co. June 8th 1874, 6 doz. @ $17.50 per doz. coin.

L. Strauss & Co. July 18th 1874 6 doz. @ $15. per doz. coin.

Same firm August 4th 1874 5 doz. @ $17.50.

Hess & Cohn August 31st 1874 48 doz. @ $18.50 per doz. coin.

An explanation is requested of the last named purchase. Why was such a large quantity of gloves purchased, and at a price greater than that paid heretofore for the same when purchased in smaller quantities.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada.

Oct. 1st 1874.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 28th ult. on the subject of the selection of designs for the "Metis" & "Life-Saving" medals, I have to inform you that I have this day shipped to your address per Adams Express two (2) boxes containing the designs, and enclose herewith a list of designs for each medal.

Please cause all of the accompanying papers to be returned to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Oct. 1st. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th ult. transmitting Contracts, accompanied by Bonds for the faithful performance thereof, made with the following named parties is received.

William Putnum to furnish pine wood at $7.00 per cord coin.

Lyon Mill and Mining Co. to furnish Sulphuric acid at 5¢ per pound coin.

Hoofman & Rodental to furnish Charcoal at 24½¢ per bushel coin.

All of which are hereby approved and filed in this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Oct. 1st. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ult. transmitting triplicate certificate of Deposit for $8,360.87/100 dollars being proceeds of sales of blue vitriol and Sulphuric liquor is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. H. V. McCully — Oct. 1st. 1874.

#1013 Chesnut st.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th. ult. and accompanying designs for the "Metis" and "Life-Saving" medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. A. Gretsch. — Oct. 1st. 1874.

601 "F" st. N.W.
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the — inst. enclosing designs for the "Metis" medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Horner Lee & Co. — Oct. 1st. 1874.

62 Liberty St.
New York.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th. ult. and accompanying designs for the "Metis" medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegrams.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Oct. 1st. 1874.
U. S. Mint. San Francisco.

Draft mailed September twenty third.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. W. Freeland, Oct. 1st. 1874.
35 Elliott Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your design for the "Metis" medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. C. Theiler Oct. 1st. 1874.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. and the enclosed designs for "Life-Saving" medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Oct. 2nd. 1874.
Superintendent &c. Philadelphia.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 1st inst. I send you by this days mail three dozen blanks for Monthly statement of bars manufactured.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton. Esq. Oct. 2d. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. and enclosed report of Assayer Torrey in relation to his experiments in Spectrum Analysis.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Oct. 2d. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting account current of Bullion Fund for Sept. 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. VanCleef, Esq. Oct. 2d. 1874.

Blackwell's Mills
New Jersey.

Sir:

You will be informed when a decision is made upon the designs submitted for the "Metis" medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Oct. 2d. 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find $1.50 for which I will thank you to send me one bronze Agassiz Medal by Express.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 2d. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th. ult. reporting the result of the monthly count and examination of the moneys in the hands of the Cashiers of the Mint on that day, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Peter Rogers
Bellevalley, Ohio.

Oct. 2d. 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th. ult. enclosing samples of minerals for analysis, I have to invite your attention to the enclosed copy of a report from the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia on the specimens forwarded.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Oct. 1st 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

As it will be necessary for me to have the services of a Clerk not connected with the Western Mints during my proposed visit to and examination of those institutions, and as neither of my principal Clerks can be conveniently spared from duty here, I must request that one of your Clerks be temporarily detailed for that purpose, and as Mr. James O. Pollock has had some experience in the examination of the accounts of the Mints referred to and is in other respects well qualified for the duties required, I will be glad if you can make it convenient to designate him for duty under these instructions.

It will be necessary for him to report here on the 10th inst. as I expect to start on the evening of that day, or morning of the 12th. He will be allowed his necessary and actual travelling expenses.

The trip will consume about five weeks. As I shall probably go via. St. Louis & the Kansas Pacific to Denver, Mr. Pollock will defer purchasing tickets until he arrives here.

Please advise me by return mail whether the request herein made can be conveniently complied with, as, if not, I must make other arrangements.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

William Schmolz. Esq. Oct. 3d. 1874.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your account for services and expenses incurred in visiting the Mint of the U.S. at Carson City, Nevada, to adjust the Balances in that institution is herewith returned that it may be sworn to as requested by the Circular of the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of August 1st, 1874 a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

The vouchers have been retained in this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

L. A. Garnett Oct. 3d. 1874.

416 Montgomery St. San Francisco.

Is your estimate for the thirtieth of June 1872, or the present time. Answer immediately.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

John Buckingham, Esq. Oct. 5th. 1874.

58 Ann St. New York.

Sir:

I return herewith the designs for the "Metis" and "Life-Saving" medals submitted by you, - the time having expired up to which such medals were to be submitted as per Circular of August 8th. 1874, a copy of which is also enclosed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Oct. 5th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet expenses for the month of October, has been approved for the sum of $11.000. from the following appropriations. viz:

Salaries	$2500.
Wages	6000.
Contingent Expenses	2500.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock Oct. 5th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d. inst. enclosing bills in duplicate of E. Morrwitz & Co. is received.

The bills are herewith returned for your approval and that they may be properly receipted by Morrwitz & Co. after which if returned to this office the necessary steps will be taken to have the same paid without delay.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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R. W. Raymond, Esq. Oct. 5th 1874.
Commissioner Mining Statistics.
New York.

Sir:

I am requested by the Director to inform you that the Statements you have so kindly promised will appear in the appendix of the Annual Report.

The report has been sent to the Secretary but when the proof sheets are returned for correction, occasion will be taken to add the Statements from your office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

John C. Wharton, Esq. Oct. 6th. 1874.
Louisville Ky.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury draft No A 4796, for $827.47 issued in payment of your account for services and expenses incurred by you in visiting the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nevada, by direction of this Office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

S. D. Hetrich, Esq. Oct. 6th 1874.
late Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses for the months of July and August 1874, are received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis - Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 6th. 1874.

Sir:

I return herewith Draft No. 30 of the Peoples Saving and Loan Association of Eufalo, Ala. for $50, endorsed to your order.

The Draft of Thomas H. Emerson & Co. for $300. being improperly drawn to the order of R. Linderman, will be retained until the return of the Director, who is absent for a day or two.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philad^a

Oct. 6th. 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September 1874. is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Prof. R. W. Raymond
Commissioner. Mining Statistics

Oct. 6th. 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication enclosing statements of the Gold and Silver product of the United States since 1848, and production of Gold in Australia and New Zealand.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Oct. 6th 1874.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the current month has been approved for the sum of three hundred dollars, from the following appropriations:

Salaries, 1875,	$278.00
Wages of workmen, 1875,	22.00.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Henry Ivvenmner, Esq. Oct. 6th 1874.
710 Market St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith finds Treasury draft to #4798 for forty dollars, issued in payment of your bill for one set Standard Troy Weights furnished Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq. Oct. 7th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 29th ult. enclosing a revised Statement of the Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Oct. 7th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 6th inst. with enclosures, in reference to counterfeit five cent copper-nickel coins.

Also communication and affidavits of E. B. Garriques and others in reference to a gold bar &c.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 7th 1874.

Sir.

Enclosed please find $1.50, for which I will thank you to send by return mail one bronze Agassiz medal.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 7th 1874.

Sir:

Your medal account for the third quarter 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
acting Director.

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Henry Troemner, Esq. Oct. 7th 1874.
710 Market St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft no. A 4813, on Assist. Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia, for two thousand & eight dollars, the same having been issued in payment of your account for Balance furnished the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nev.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Robert Patterson, Esq. Oct. 8th 1874.
Fidelity Safe Deposit Co.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of this date, I send you herewith a paragraph from my report explanatory of the New London rule of quoting American Securities, and which is an exact copy of your own words. You say the change made was from valuing the Dollar at 54 pence to its valuation at 50 pence, that is, $4.80 per £.

I do not understand how you arrive at the figures $4.80 per Pound. It appears to me that the Dollar is undervalued and not the Pound.

If I understand the matter right, 48 pence is called 100 or par, whereas the true value of the Dollar is 49 5/16 pence.

The correspondence between Mr. Cattell and the London Stock Exchange in November last, has just turned up, and 48, not 50 pence, appears to have been the rate or valuation fixed upon by that body.

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The correspondence I intend to include in the Appendix of my Report, and it is important that we should be exactly correct in our statement. You will place me under great obligations by ascertaining from some of your banking houses whether 48 or 50 pence is the correct figure, and make the necessary alterations in the paragraph, and return it by to-morrow's mail if possible.

The "London Economist" of Sept. 26. 1874 in quoting U. S. Securities calls 103 par.

Is this a new departure? I enclose slip from Economist.

Very truly Yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

If 48 and not 50 pence is the correct figure, then the premium would be 2 3/4 or thereabouts. Have not our London friends called it 103 instead of 102 3/4 to get a round figure.

I confess my head is a little thick on the subject.

Dana Bickford, Esq.
731 Broadway
New York.

Oct. 8th. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter in reference to a set of dies promised by Superintendent Pollock of the Philadelphia Mint, was received this morning and forwarded to that Officer for answer.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Oct. 8th 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 29th ult. relative to funds belonging to the Ordinary accounts of your Mint for the fiscal years ending June 30th 1874 and June 30th 1875, transferred to you by your predecessor in office, you are informed that the sums referred to must be deposited in the name of H. D. Hedrick, late Superintendent U. S. Mint at Carson with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco, to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. on account of the appropriations, from which drawn, after this is done the amounts will be subject to your requisition.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson City. Nev.

Oct. 8th 1874.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 29th ult. you are hereby authorized to make your requisition for funds to pay the claims of the workmen for extra labor necessarily performed during the months of August and September 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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Messrs. Thos. H. Emerson & Co.

Oct. 8th 1874.

McKinney, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult. and accompanying draft #270 for $300.00, and to inform you that the same have been forwarded to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia.

In ordering minor coins in the future, be pleased to comply with the directions contained in the enclosed circular.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr,

Oct. 8th 1874.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Gentlemen:

You will mark boxes containing Carson machinery as follows:

U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada
Care D. W. Earl
Sacramento, Calª.

This machinery must be shipped at through freight rates, and which should be stated on the Bills of Lading, which you will take in duplicate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Oct. 8th 1874.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find Treasury Draft No. A 4821 in your favor for the sum of twenty-six thousand three hundred dollars, which sum is advanced you to be used in the payment of expenses incurred by your predecessor in office during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

You were advised by this office under date of Sept. 18th 1874, that the Secretary of the Treasury had been requested to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U.S. in your favor for the sum of $44,802.90 payable from the deficiency appropriations for your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, but as the sum of $23,700. had previously been advanced you from the appropriation for the current fiscal year, and your bond being for only $50,000. the full amount ($44,802.90) recommended could not be advanced you, as the total amount advanced would have been over $18,000. in excess of the penalty of your bond.

The rule of the Department is that a disbursing officer shall at no time have advances in excess of the amount of his bond.

I have therefore to request that you will promptly disburse the amount of the enclosed draft, and render your account accompanied by proper vouchers to this office, in order that further advances may be made to enable you to liquidate the indebtedness of the Government on account of your Mint as early as possible.

Very respectfully

T 234 Vol 004

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 8th. 1874.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 29th ult. in relation to the size of the dies ordered for the Mint at San Francisco, I have to invite your attention to the enclosed copy of a telegram received this day from Supt. LaGrange, and in filling the order to request that you be guided accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Oct. 8th. 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find draft of Thos. H. Emerson & Co. endorsed payable to your order, for the sum of $300.00; also letter of same firm requesting the amount be remitted in 5¢ nickel coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada.

Oct. 8th. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. transmitting Medal and Proof Coin Reports for the quarter ending September 30th, 1874 is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. Le. Acton, Esq.

Oct. 8th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Arthur Orr.

Oct. 8th 1874.

1219 Callowhill St. Philadelphia.

John M. Eckfeldt shot himself this morning during temporary aberation of mind, and died immediatly. Hold yourself in readiness to proceed with me to California.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. O. H. Laforange

Oct. 8th 1874.

Supt. Mint. San Francisco.

I duply regret the sad death of Eckfeldt. I will start on Monday and bring Arthur Orr with me to complete fitting up machinery.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Morgan & Orr.

Oct. 8th 1874.

13th & Callowhill St. Philadª.

Ship Carson machinery care of D. W. Earl, Sacramento, California through rates.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Oct. 9th, 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I regret to have to inform you of the sudden death, on the 8th inst. of John W. Eckfeldt, Melter and Refiner of the Mint of the United States at San Francisco.

It is important that the vacancy thus created should be filled as soon as practicable, and I recommend the appointment of Mr. Alexander Martin, the present Assistant Melter and Refiner, to fill the vacancy.

I also recommend, in order that the business and operations of the Mint may proceed with as little interruption as possible, that Mr. Martin be immediately designated to act as Melter and Refiner, until a regular appointment is made.

A settlement of the late Melter and Refiner's accounts has been ordered, and it is expected to be completed in the course of a week or ten days, Mr. Martin being placed by the Superintendent in charge of the Office during the settlement of the late Melter and Refiner's accounts.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegrams.

Superintendent, Mint, San Francisco. Oct. 9, 1874.

Letter of the Secretary of the Treasury designating Alexander Martin to perform temporarily the duties of Melter & Refiner mailed today.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

October 9th 1874.

Sir:

On comparison of the vouchers transmitted by your predecessor in Office - Mr. F. D. Hetrick with his accounts of Ordinary Expenses for the months of July and August 1874 with the statement of unpaid accounts transmitted by you to this office under date of September 8th 1874. it is found that the following amounts included in your Statement as unpaid, have been paid by Mr. Hetrick, as shown by the vouchers accompanying his accounts. viz

M. V. Davis Mileage $7.00

A. B. Linderman " "

Virginia & Trucker R. R. Co. for freight vouchers 38. $54.02 39. $1299.29 and 41 $23.54 making as stated by you to be unpaid $1.376.85

C. W. Allen & Co. for Charcoal vouchers 34 $176.62 & 31 $203.07 making as stated by you to be unpaid $379.69

F. D. Hetrick travelling expenses vouchers 10/2 $93.40 11/2 $139.56 making the amount stated to be unpaid $232.96

Ah Ei voucher 40 stated to be unpaid $27.74

Your attention is also called to the first amount in your statement, as unpaid and due the Virginia and Trucker R. R. Co. $873.16. The indications are that this amount (or the greater portion thereof) has also been paid by Mr. Hetrick as shown by the following vouchers in favor of said company presented by him viz: Voucher No. 1 $135.94 No. 2 $414.63 and No. 5 $311.61 - making a total of $862.18 - leaving a

difference of only $10.98 to be accounted for. There is evidently an error in footing up the amount of the vouchers composing the sum stated by you as unpaid, or there is an outstanding voucher, amounting to $10.98 unpaid by Mr. Hetrich. Great care should be exercised by you, in the payment of the bills contracted by your predecessor, to prevent payment twice of any one account.

Very respectfully.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Oct. 9th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Official oaths of the following employés of your Mint, viz:

Morris W. Starling, Compt. Clerk.
Fred. H. Phelps. Helper.
George R. Dobbs, Conductor.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S. Carson, Nev.

Oct. 9th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst. relative to the amount of overcharges for freight by the Union & Central Pacific Rail Roads on supplies shipped from the East for the use of your Mint, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

October 9th 1874.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please inform me whether you have a supply of nickel on hand sufficient for - say three or four months. You will also please make application by letter tomorrow for authority to withdraw from the redemption fund and melt certain minor coins referred to in our interview on Wednesday last.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Joseph Wharton, Esq.

Oct. 9th 1874.

American Nickel Works.

Camden, N. J.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in reference to retaining nickel for supplying the Mint.

Not being advised as to the supply which the Mint has on hand I am unable to give you a decided answer at present.

I will write the Superintendent today on the subject, and when his reply is received will inform you accordingly.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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William Keyser Esq. Oct. 9th 1874.
Vice President of the B. & O. R.R.
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

On the 3d day of July 1874, G. B. Newton, shipped from New York per your road, as shown by the enclosed Bill of Lading, 15 casks of Copper, weighing 21.370 pounds, for the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada, which was to be delivered to D. W. Earl, Sacramento, Calª, freight to be paid therefor, at the rate of $1.60 per hundred pounds, and which would amount to $341.92 from the enclosed bill of the Virginia & Trucker R. R. Company. You will observe that that company charged and collected as "Advances" the sum of $697.53 coin (being an overcharge of $355.61.

Our Contract having been made with your company, we must look to you for the refunding of the over-charges referred to.

Your early attention is solicited.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Oct. 9th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

Enclosed please find designation made by the Secretary of the Treasury, of Alexander Martin, Esq. Assist. Melter and Refiner to perform the duties of the Melter & Refiner of your Mint, until a regular appointment is made, which will be done at an early day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint. Oct. 9th 1874.

San Francisco.

Martin will be designated by the Secretary to act as Melter and Refiner until a regular appointment is made. In meantime have settlement of late Melter & Refiner's accounts made as indicated in your despatch - report result promptly to this office.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Oct. 9th 1874.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

The following Telegram was sent you this day:

"Martin will be designated by the Secretary to act as Melter & Refiner, until a regular appointment is made. In meantime have settlement of late Melter & Refiner's accounts made as indicated in your despatch, report result promptly to this office."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint. Oct. 9th 1874.

San Francisco.

Have Alexander Martin execute a Bond as Assistant Melter & Refiner, in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, approved by U. S. Judge and forwarded to me.

H. R. Linderman.
Director Mint.

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C. H. LaGrange, Esq. Oct. 9th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

An official telegram was sent you this day in the following words viz:

"Have Alexander Martin execute a Bond as Assistant Melter & Refiner, in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, approved by U. S. Judge and forwarded to me".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Oct. 10th 1874.
Supt. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I have received and carefully read your letter of 6th inst. and the affidavits transmitted therewith. In so far as these papers refer to the bar which has been the subject of correspondence, I shall postpone their consideration until after my return from the Pacific Coast, when I will personally confer with you upon the subject.

It appears from the affidavits of F. C. Garriques, Foreman of the Melter & Refiner's Gold and Silver Melting Room, and Thomas Miskil, Foreman of the Superintendent's Deposit Melting Room, that they have been in the habit of occasionally melting grains for each other, and under authority of the Melter & Refiner. Although this custom was no doubt intended to facilitate the business of the Mint, it is objectionable for obvious reasons, and you will please cause it to be discontinued in future.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

October 10th 1874.

Sir:

At our personal conference on Wednesday last respecting various official matters, the subject of the mode of taking coins for the Annual Assay at your mint was briefly discussed, and you suggested, that in view of my contemplated visit to the Western Mints, that the subject might as well go over until after my return.

Since that interview, I have thought the point at issue over carefully, and find my previous opinion confirmed.

If I understand yourself and the Coiner correctly you do not regard the law as practically prohibiting the taking of the pieces for the annual trial, from those weighed by the Superintendent for the purpose of satisfying himself that the coins of the proposed delivery are within the legal limits of the standard weight, and that although it is not the rule to take pieces in that manner as respects coins which have been adjusted by hand, the right under the law to take pieces from the pieces weighed by the Superintendent still remains, and may be exercised at the discretion of the Superintendent. I say Superintendent because the Coiner has no function to perform in taking coins for the Assay.

Of course your view of the law practically ignores Regulation 3, page 20, General Instructions.

It does not appear that the Custom referred to has ever prevailed at any other U. S. Mint (or Branch Mint under the old law) nor that the practice in this respect was pursued at the parent Mint, until after the Assay Commission of

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1851 or 52 passed a resolution that thereafter single pieces would be tested. Prior to that time the Coins were only tested in bulk. I examined the question in 1867 or 8, and recollect sending copy of a letter addressed to the New Orleans Mint by Director Patterson, referring to the action of the Commission and calling attention to the necessity for the utmost care in adjusting the weight of the Coins.

The custom was discontinued from some time in 1867 to 1869 at your Mint, and it should be stated that the actual weight of the deliveries were not recorded before 1867.

I can well understand the uneasiness with which the Coiner must have viewed the action of the Commission above referred to, and do not think it strange that he should have sought a protective measure.

I am free to concede that the law should make some distinction between what may be termed the adjusted and unadjusted coins, and am quite willing to recommend the enactment of a carefully guarded amendment to that end.

Since the law does not allow a distinction to be made, the regulation upon the subject must necessarily apply to all Gold and Silver coins issued from the Mint, and I may add to all the Mints.

If I could find authority to authorize a modification of the regulation, I would gladly do so as respects the unadjusted coins, but I should hesitate to give my assent as to the adjusted coins.

With due respect for the opinion of yourself and the Coiner, I think there is undue anxiety as to the possible result of sending a coin out

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of limit. Surely I need not say, to officers of your experience, that it would be of no consequence unless it was made to appear that there had been a fraudulent intent or gross carelessness.

While entertaining the views above expressed, I do not, under the circumstances of the case, feel like insisting on the rigid observance of the regulation. I should be very glad however, if you would, for the balance of the year, and until the matter is presented to the Secretary of the Treasury and Congress take all the pieces indiscriminately & after those which have been weighed have been returned to the pan containing the delivery. The Coiner may if he thinks proper place on file with you or in this office such representations and protest as would more fully protect him in the event of one or more pieces being found out of limit.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. Oct. 10th 1874
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to the enclosed translations of letter and drawing from the Director of the Brussels Mint, I have to inform you that the Segment Collar and tools therein referred to have arrived at New York, and when received here will be transferred to your Mint to be retained there permanently.

The object in procuring the above implements

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is for the purpose of ascertaining whether the same can be used with our coining presses without material or expensive alteration. You will in connection with the Coiner and Engraver make careful trial for that purpose, and report the results from time to time to this office.

The experiments to be made are designed to test the practicability of placing raised letters around the edge of the coin, and not the expediency of making such a change. That point will be carefully considered at some future time.

After the articles shall have been delivered to you, you will purchase a bill of exchange for 5540 francs ($1042.22) payable to the order of Mr. Allard, and pay for the same out of your Contingent Fund, taking from Mr. Allard receipts in the usual form, and procuring them before you send the draft if you should deem that course necessary.

I prefer this course, to that of paying the bill here, out of your appropriation for Incidentals and Contingent Expenses and new machinery.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Enclosures.

Letter of Mr. Allard Sept. 11. 1874 to Director of the Mint - with design.

Letter of Mr. Allard - Nov. 10, 1871 to General A. L. Chetlain, Consul U. S.

Letter of Mr. Allard, May 20, 1874 to Director of the Mint.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 10th 1874.

Sir:

I am advised by Messrs. F. W. Jungs & Co. of New York, that they have received by Str. "G. F. French", lately arrived from Antwerp, a box containing engraving tools, with instructions to forward the same to my address.

This box (marked with my name) contains the following articles, the tools having been prepared at my request by the Director of the Mint in Brussels, for the use of the Mint of the United States, viz:

1. An original Segment Collar for Double Eagle.
2. A punch of isolated letters.
3. A complete tool for the multiplication of virolez.
4. A striking virole reproduced with the aid of the tool.
5. A Twenty Dollar (double eagle) piece.

Inasmuch as these tools are for use in a Government Institution, I have the honor to request that the necessary instructions be issued to the Collector of Customs at the port of New York, to grant a free permit to enter goods.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Arthur Orr
Callowhill St. below 13th.
Philada

Oct. 16th 1874

Will start next Tuesday. You better come here by Monday morning all ready to accompany me.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Oct. 10th 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst. asking to be instructed relative to the disposition to be made by you of the "Assay Chips" you are informed that it will be necessary for you to open and render an account termed "U. S. Bullion Fund" in which account you will credit the amount $250. transferred to you, and charge the same account with the balance of coin on hand, and the amount of gold bullion contained in "Assay Chips" and which you will treat as a part of the "Bullion Fund" of your Assay Office until the amount is sufficient to be made into a bar that would justify the transfer thereof to the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia to be converted into coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

S. O. F. Slade, Esq.

Care of - F. W. Smith, Esq.
Brookhead, Wis.

Oct. 10th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Treasurer of the U. S., making inquiry as to the value of the cents of the coinages of the years 1867-68, has been referred to this office for reply.

The cents referred to are of no more value than those of other coinages.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Henry Troemner,

710 Market St. Philad^a.

Oct. 10th. 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst. I have to inform you that a warrant issues this day in your favor, on which the Treasurer of the U. S. will send you his draft in the course of a few days. The duplicate set of bills forwarded are returned herewith.

In the future I will thank you to advise this office when settlement is not promptly made, that the attention of Department officers may be called to the delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Messrs. G. W. Junge & Co.

48 Broad St. (room 13)

New York.

Oct. 10th. 1874.

Gentlemen.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 9th inst. and to inform you that the necessary instructions will be sent the Collector of Customs at New York to enter the goods duty free.

Please find enclosed the "owners oath" duly sworn to.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a

Oct. 10th. 1874.

Please return all the medal designs.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Y. D. Hetrick, Esq.

late Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson City, Nev.

Oct. 10th. 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find vouchers Nos. 10½ and 11½ for travelling expenses incurred by you, and transmitted to this office, with your account of ordinary expenses for the months of July and August 1874 which are returned for verification by your affidavit, as required by the circular letter of the Secretary of the Treasury under date of August 1st. 1874, a copy of which is enclosed.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson City.

Oct. 10th. 1874

Sir:

I will thank you to cause the enclosed communication to be delivered to Mr. Y. D. Hetrich.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

N. Y. Bonzano, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans.

Oct. 13th. 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September 1874, is received.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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Mr. Arthur Orr,

Oct. 10th, 1874.

Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir,

On receipt hereof you are requested to visit San Francisco Cal. and Carson, Nevada, for the purpose of aiding the Director with your advice in the erection of certain coining machinery and apparatus at the Mints in those cities. You will be allowed as compensation while engaged in the performance of the above duty, ten dollars per diem, and your actual necessary expenses.

Please inform me promptly whether you will undertake the trip.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mr. Joseph Wharton,

Oct. 11th, 1874.

P. O. Box 2786. Philad'a Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of 10th inst. I have to say that we do not consider you under obligations to furnish nickel under any proposition heretofore made by you.

I regret that the proposed coinage for South America has not reached a point which would justify us in engaging a part of your current production.

As you have always dealt liberally with the Mint I shall hope that in the event of supplies of nickel being required you will be able, if due time be given you, to furnish the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermans

Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr. Oct. 11th 1874.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith the Bills of Lading for machinery shipped by you to the Carson Mint, for the signature of the Agent of the Rail Road Company, and that the rate of freight may be stated thereon.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. T. Burgan, Esq. Oct. 12th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your mint during the month of October, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $704.00 from the following appropriations, 1875, viz:

Salaries —	$294.80
Wages of Workmen —	259.20
Contingent Expenses —	150.00

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq. Oct. 12th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Mint

Denver. Col.

Sir;

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Oct. 12th 1874.

Sir:

I return herewith approved the bill of James C. Booth, Melter & Refiner, for expenses incurred in visiting New York by direction of this office "to examine, test by trial, and report upon the Machine and Process of W. B. Dodge, for amalgamating Sweeps, which you are authorized to pay out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, after verification by oath, as required by the Circular of the Secretary of the Treasury under date of August 1st 1874, a copy of which is enclosed herewith

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis.

Acting Director.

Jacob R. L. Schirmer Esq.

Assayer, U. S. Mint

Denver, Colorado.

Oct. 12th 1874.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of October, 1874, has been approved to the sum of $2,693.00 from the following Appropriations:

Salaries ——— 1875	$876.—
Wages of Workmen, 1875	1,317.—
Contingent Expenses, 1875	500.—

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

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J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Oct. 12th 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 6th inst. enclosing a copy of a letter from the Supervising Architect authorizing the expenditure of a sum not to exceed $1.000.00 in making repairs upon the U.S. Mint buildings at Denver, and also your requisition on him for the above amount.

Your requisition has been forwarded to its proper destination.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis,
acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Oct. 12th 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Be pleased to issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the United States, in favor of James Pollock, Supt. Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia, for the sum of thirty-one thousand, seven hundred dollars, payable from the following named appropriations for the support of said Mint, for the current fiscal year:

For Salaries of officers	$3200.00	
" Wages of workmen	" 21,500.00	
" Contingent Expenses	7,000.00	$31,700.00

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, acting Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint, San Francisco.

Oct. 13th 1874.

Orr and myself start in the morning. I bring with me all necessary papers to close up things at new Mint.

Very respectfully.
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Prof. Jules Marcon

Cambridge, Mass.

Oct. 13th. 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th. inst. relative to the medal struck in Paris in 1776, commemorative of American Independence.

The Director of the Mint left for California today, and I have forwarded a translation of your letter to him. When answer is received, the same will be sent you.

In his absence, and in his behalf, I beg leave to thank you for the proof of the medal.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Dr. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Oct. 12th. 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith translation of a letter from Prof. Jules Marcon, relative to the Independence Medal, struck in Paris, in 1776.

If any action is necessary before your return, as to the disposition of the proof, be kind enough to inform me.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson, Nev.

Oct. 13th. 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Official oath of Miss. Annie M. Starling, appointed Adjuster in your Mint, from October 1st, 1874.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis. Acting Director

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

October, 13th 1874.

Sir:

At the request of James Crawford, Esq. Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nevada, I enclose herewith the B/L of the Union Line for the shipment of six (6) bbls of saw-dust, to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, and the receipt of the Virginia & Truckee Rail Road Company, shewing the advances made by said company, which upon examination amounts to $16.58 coin, in excess of the rate of freight stipulated to be paid on the B/L.

I also enclose herewith B/L for four (4) boxes acid shipped the mint of the U. S. at Carson by Messrs. Powers & Weightman, per "Continental Line", and the bill of the Virginia & Truckee R. R. for freight and advances, from which it appears that the over charges in this case amounts to $26.96 in Coin, which you are requested to make claim for, the refunding by the line issuing the B/L of the amount overcharged.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philad^a

Oct. 13th 1874.

Sir:

In your Medal Account for the third quarter, 1874, you debit the sum of one dollar & eighty cents ($1.80) as "Loss on perforated silver received for medals"; You are requested to furnish an explanation of this entry in your account.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis - Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Oct. 13th. 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst. relative to the Gold Wastage of your Mint from April 1st 1873, to June 30th 1874, unprovided for, you are informed that as soon as the warrants are issued, (and which is now in process of being done) covering into the Treasury, your unexpended balance on account of Contingent Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30th/1874. an account will be stated in favor of the Treasurer of the U. S. for the amount payable in gold coin and the Treasurer directed when the draft is received to credit the same as a transfer of funds from the "Bullion Fund" of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Oct. 13th. 1874.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 12th inst. returning Bills of Lading for machinery shipped the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nevada, properly signed by the agent of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. is received.

Your account has been referred to the accounting officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft for the amount $17.498.42 will be sent you.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Oct. 13th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting bills in duplicate of J. C. Barkley, for Cartage of 9 bbls. sweeps from the Mint of the U. S. at Denver is received.

The bills have been referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days, a draft for the amount will be sent to your care.

You are requested to deposit in the name of J. J. L. Schirmer, Assayer in Charge of the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col. with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. the proceeds of sale of the nine (9) bbls. sweeps and transmit certificates of deposit in triplicate to this office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq. Oct. 14th 1874.
Assayer in Charge
Mint U. S. Denver.

Sir:

I herewith enclose Treasury Draft No. # 4880, for the one hundred and thirty dollars, the same having been allowed in your account of travelling expenses, after reconsideration of the case by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Albert Walters, Esq.

Oct. 14th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

By direction of the Director of the Mint, I return herewith your abstract and account current of Ordinary Expenses for the month of August 1874, that you may render the same as indicated in pencil.

Mr. A. B. Linderman, through a misapprehension of his instructions, collected for his services and expenses incurred in visiting your Assay Office more than he was entitled to receive, and in order to save you the annoyance of having this amount disallowed by the accounting Officers of the Department in the adjustment of your accounts the Director of the Mint has caused Mr. A. B. Linderman to refund the amount of $363.60 received from you, and for which sum you will find enclosed herewith a draft drawn by the Treasurer of the U. S. on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco, payable to the order of H. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint, and endorsed by him to your order.

I also return herewith the voucher and warrant issued by you in favor of A. B. Linderman for cancellation. The amount $206.05 due Mr. Linderman for services and expenses incurred in visiting Boise City will be paid here from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Assay Office for the current fiscal year.

Should you have rendered and transmitted your account current of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September 1874, previous to the receipt of this communication you are requested to render and transmit a corrected account current

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for that month.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. Oct. 14th 18

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of ordinary expenses of Calvin J. Cowles, Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office Charlotte N. C. for the month of September, 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Secretary.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. Oct. 14th 1874.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenses of J. F. L. Schirmer, Assayer in charge Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Colorado, for the month of September, 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. Oct. 14th 1874.

1st Auditor

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the ordinary Expense account of Thomas Ce. Acton, Supt. U. S. Assay Office New York, for the month of September, 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nev.

Oct. 14th 1874.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 5th inst. the Bill of Lading and freight bill for six barrels of saw dust have been forwarded to Hon. James Pollock, Supt. U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

I have also forwarded to Supt. Pollock the Bill of Lading and freight bills for four boxes acid, shipped your mint by Messrs. Powers & Weightman of Philadelphia, with instructions to make claim for the refunding of the amount overcharged for freight on the Company issuing the Bills of Lading.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis.

Acting Director.

C. C. Adams, Esq.

Agent. Gorham Mf'g Co.

New York.

Oct. 14th 1874

Sir:

I am in receipt of a box containing designs for the "Metis" and "Life-Saving" Medals, together with your letter of the 5th inst.

As the Circular expressly stated that designs should be received up to and including Sept. 30th, I am afraid yours are too late to be considered.

I will retain them however until Dr. Linderman returns from the Pacific Coast, which will be in the course of three or four weeks.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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C. J. Cowles, Esq. Oct. 14th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram

Hon. James Pollock Oct. 14th 1874.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadelphia.

Draft on October requisition will be mailed today.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

A. Wolters, Esq. Oct. 14th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Circular issued by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of August 1st 1874, relative to allowances for travelling expenses.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. Oct. 15th 1874.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Ordinary Expense account of James Pollock, Supt. Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, for the month of September 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Albert Walters, Esq. Oct. 15th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $949.20 from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1875	$572.80
Wages of Workmen	1875	126.40
Contingent Expenses	1875	250.00

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Mr. J. Allard, Oct. 15th 1874.

Director of the Mint.
Brussels.

Sir:

The Segment Collar and Tools arrived this morning, and have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, with instructions to send you bill of exchange for 540 francs, in payment for the same.

Conveying to you the Director's regards,
I am, very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

M. T. Bonzano, Esq. Oct. 15th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Sir:

As per request contained in your communication of the 13th inst. I have this day sent you six copies of "Instructions & Regulations in relation to the transaction of Business" for the Mint service. Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, acting Director

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Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 15th. 1874.

Sir:

I send today by Adams' Express the box containing Segment Collar and Tools. The Express Co. will present the bill for transportation, which please pay out of your Contingent Fund.

Under instructions from the Director, I have taken from the Box, a Double Eagle, and deposited it to the credit of the Appropriation from which it was drawn.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

W. T. Barzaro, Esq.

Oct. 15th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th. inst. reporting the sale of 138 empty Carboys, is received, and in connection therewith your attention is called to Department Circular No. 80 under date of July 9th. 1872, "concerning the disposition of the proceeds of sales of Public Property," a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.

Oct. 15th. 1874.

1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the medal account of James Pollock, Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, for the quarter ending September 30th. 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis - Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq. Oct. 15th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Mint

Denver, Col.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find duplicate certificate of Deposit for proceeds of sale of 9 barrels sweeps shipped by you, to and sold by Supt. Acton of the U. S. Assay Office at New York.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq. October 16th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your accounts current of Ordinary Expenses for the months of August and September 1874 are herewith returned for correction and rendition on the proper forms.

In rendering your account current for the month of August you will use the blank form for that purpose prescribed by this office, and in your account current for the month of September you will credit only such sums as may have been advanced you from the Treasury and debit the amount of disbursements made by yourself during the month, and not include in your abstract of disbursements any sums paid direct from the Treasury to parties of whom supplies were purchased through this office for the use of your Mint.

The object of this office in notifying you of the payment here of bills against your Mint is to enable you to know at any time the exact condition of the appropriations for the support thereof.

You should therefore simply make a note of the

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payments made through this office, but in no event debit the amounts when rendering your accounts to the Department for adjustment.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Joseph Bilaurech Esq

28 Dale ave.

Patterson, N. J.

Oct. 16th 1874

Sir:

No issue of the twenty cent silver coins has yet been made, nor have any specimens for distribution or sale been struck off.

The Bill authorizing such a coin passed the Senate at the last session, but failed in the House. It will probably become a law at the next Session of Congress.

By addressing a communication to Hon. James Pollock, Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, you may be able to ascertain when specimens will be ready. The striking and sale of medals, proof coins &c. is under his charge, subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco.

Oct. 16th 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September 1874, is received.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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C. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

October 16th 1874.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to a discrepancy in your pay rolls for the month of September 1874, with the request that you will explain the same viz: H. H. Lawrence, Workman in the Assayer's Dept. was paid for the month of September at the rate of $8.00 per diem, the same being in excess of the compensation authorized, and heretofore paid, viz: $7.50 - per diem.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Oct. 16th 1874.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the frequency with which the duplicate bills instead of the originals are forwarded by you with your accounts of Ordinary Expenses. The original bill should, in all cases, be furnished with your accounts.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadelphia.

Oct. 16th 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Draft no. 24990, drawn by First National Bank of Mount Carroll, Ills. on First Nat'l Bank of New York for $170. in payment for Minor Coins as per enclosed order.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis - Acting Director

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Messrs. F. W. Junge & Co.

48 Broad St.

New York.

Oct. 16th 1874.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 14th inst. with enclosures. The box containing Segment Collar and tools arrived yesterday, and was forwarded to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint; who has been instructed to pay the bill of Charges amounting to $13,70.

Thanking you for your promptness in forwarding the tools &c. I am,

Very respectfully.

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

October, 16th 1874.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of Oct. 1874, has been approved for the sum of $31,164.80 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, —— 1875. ——	$2,164.80
Wages of Workmen, 1875 ——	22,000.00
Contingent Expenses 1875 ——	7.000.00

Very respectfully.

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. &c. Carson City, Nev.

Oct. 17th 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September 1874, is received.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 17th 1874.

Sir:

I have to request that the following dies for the Calendar Year 1875, may be sent to the Carson Mint, as per order of the Superintendent.

Eighteen	(18)	Obverse	Trade Dollar Dies.
Five	(5)	do	Half " "
Four	(4)	do	Quarter " "
Four	(4)	do	Dime ——— "
Eighteen	(18)	Reverse	Trade Dollar Dies.
Six	(6)	Obverse	Double Eagle "
Four	(4)	do	Eagle ——— "
Four	(4)	do	Half Eagle "
Two	(2)	do	Quarter Eagle " .

Very respectfully
M. C. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Oct. 17th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oaths of the following employés of your Mint:
P. W. Black, Workman in the General Dept.
Jas. C. Bronson " " " " "

Very respectfully
M. C. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Oct. 17th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 10th inst. ordering certain dies for the Calendar year, and have requested the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to forward the same as early as possible.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City.

Oct. 17th 1874.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of October, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $11,050. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$2,050.00
Wages of Workmen	1875	8.000.00
Contingent Expenses	1875	1.000.00

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr,
1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 19th 1874.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft #4939 for $17,498.42 issued in payment of your account for machinery for the Carson Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis Acting Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Oct. 19th 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft no. 4937, in favor of J. C. Barkley for $4.50, issued in payment of his account for Cartage of Denver Mint Sweeps. Please cause the same to be delivered.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Morgan & Orr

1219 Callowhill St. Philadelphia.

Octo. 19th 1874.

Yes. Draft mailed today.

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

James Pollock, Esq.

Supt. Mint. U.S.

Philadelphia.

October 20th 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. you are informed that the dies required for the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nev. are for the Calendar year 1875.

Very respectfully

Chas. F. Conant.

Asst Secretary of the Treasury.

F. D. Hedrick, Esq.

late Supt. U. S. Mint.

Carson City, Nev.

October 21st 1874

Sir.

Your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30th 1874, are received.

You are requested to render and transmit

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without further delay your accounts for the fractional part of the quarter ending September 30th 1874, you were in Office, viz: from July 1st to September 9th inclusive.

Very respectfully
Chas. T. Conant
Asst. Secretary Pro. Tem. Treasury.

James Crawford Esqr.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Oct. 23rd 1874.

Sir:

Your account current of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September is herewith returned for correction as indicated in pencil. You will charge yourself in this account only with the amount advanced you from the Treasury, and not introduce into the account the balance due from your predecessor in Office.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer U.S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Oct. 23rd 1874.

Sir.

Your Bullion Account for the quarter ending September 30th is received, also your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Oct. 23rd 1874.

Sir:

In the examination of your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September 1874 it is found that payments have been made by you to the following named parties, whose nominations for appointment, and rate of compensation to be paid were not submitted for the approval of this office, as required by law and regulations, viz:

J. S. Moore, laborer in General Dept. for 20 days in August @ $5. per day, and for the month of September $120. per month.

C. A. Washburne, Temporary Clerk in General Dept. at $7. per day.

Your attention is called to the enclosed copy of a letter addressed you by this office under date of July 31st 1874, calling your attention to the law relative to appointments in the Mints, and requiring you to submit for the approval of this office all appointments, the same day upon which they are made.

Neither the law nor regulations having been complied with, the accounting officers have been notified to disallow the above named payments in the adjustment of your accounts.

Your attention is also called to the following payments made to W. T. Garrett for Copper Cannisters, viz: in voucher No. 73 with your account for August, the following charges are made by Mr. Garrett:

July 28" 6 copper cannisters 169 lbs. 90¢ $152.10.
August 5" 6 copper cannisters 166 " 90¢ 149.40,

and in your account for September per voucher No. 116, Mr. Garrett again charges and is paid as

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having furnished the Mint under the above mentioned dates, the same number and pounds of canisters, from which it would appear that Mr. Garrett has charged and received pay twice for the same articles, the amount charged in the last named voucher, together with an over payment of $9.89 currency for 4 copper canisters (furnished Aug. 31st) 131 lbs. @ 90¢, amounting to $117.90 carried out $126.90 difference $9. currency 91¢ making $9.89 as stated, will also be disallowed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

Oct. 23d. 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst. requesting permission to employ Josiah D. Cowles as an Assistant and Clerk, at a salary of $35.00 per month, I have to say, that the business of your institution is not sufficient to justify me in approving the appointment, during the absence of the Director.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq

Oct. 23d. 1874.

Assayer &c, Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30th, 1874 is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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M. V. Bonzano, Esq
Superintendent &c.
New Orleans, La.

Oct. 23d. 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. requesting a supply of blank reports for the monthly report of officials stamps used by you, I have to inform you that a supply was forwarded you on the 19th inst. by the Stationery Clerk of the Department.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Comer, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Oct. 23d. 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Officials Bond, transmitted in your letter of the 21st. inst.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
First Auditor.

Oct. 23d. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion accounts of F. D. Hetrich, Supt. U. S. Mint, at Carson City, Nev. for the quarter ending June 30, 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. Oct. 23d. 1874.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson City.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 14th. inst. enclosing official oaths of Caroline Bardonwerper and Elizabeth L. Wirtz as adjusters in your Mint.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. October 24th. 1874.

1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses account of G. Hs. LaGrange, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco for the month of September, 1874.

Your attention is respectfully called to the payments made to E. L. Moore for services as Laborer in General Department for 20 days in August at $5. per day $100. and for the month of September $120. C. A. Washburn for services as Clerk in General Dept. at $7. per day $182. Neither of the above named appointments, having been submitted for the approval of this office as required by law I have to respectfully request that the amount paid the parties named may be disallowed in the adjustment of the accounts of Superintendent LaGrange.

H. H. Lawrence a workman on the Rolls of the Assayer is paid for September at the rate of $8. per day;- the approval of this office is for a compensation of $7.50 per day;- the difference should be disallowed.

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Your attention is also called to voucher No. 73 August account and voucher No. 116, September account, upon examination it will be found that under date of July 28th and August 5th 1874, the same articles, are charged in both vouchers, as purchased the same dates, the amount charged in the last named voucher, together with an overpayment of $9.89 on the purchase of 4 copper canisters August 31st should be disallowed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
acting Director.

Oct. 24th 1874.

O. H. Irish Grange, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official Bond of Alexander Martin, Asst. Melter and Refiner at your Mint, executed in the sum of $10,000.00 under the provisions of the "Coinage Act of 1873."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Oct. 27th 1874.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
1st Comptroller
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for file in your office the official bonds of A. London Snowden, Esq. Coiner of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, executed under the provisions of the "Coinage act of 1873."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis acting Director

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A. Snowden Snowden, Esq. Oct. 27th. 1874.

Coiner U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to inform you that your official bond as Coiner of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, executed in the sum of $10,000.00 under the provisions of the "Coinage act of 1873," has been approved and referred to the First Comptroller of the Treasury for file in that office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. Oct. 26th. 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your account current of Ordinary Expenses for the month of September is herewith returned for the reasons contained in a letter of this office addressed you under date of October 14th. 1874.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. October, 26th. 1874.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense account of W. E. Benzans, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans for the months of August & September, 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 27th 1874.

Sir:

I return herewith the "Statement of Wastage and deductions on Golds to June 30th 1874," transmitted by you to this Office, with your application to have your Bullion Fund reimbursed for the amount of Wastage in excess of deductions, that it may be certified so as to be made the basis for the Statement of an account for the amount required to reimburse the Bullion Fund.

I would also recommend that the Sweeps and grains from the Deposit Melting Room be included in the Statement if practicable, or all mention of the same be omitted from the Statement, but appear in your next quarterly account as proposed by you.

Your early attention is requested.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawfords, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Oct. 27th 1874

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the Quarter ending Sept. 30th 1874 has not yet been received.

Be kind enough to forward it as early as possible.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Oct. 28th 1874.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Bond of Alex. Martin, as Assist. Melter & Refiner of your institution, executed in the sum of $10,000.00 under the provisions of the "Coinage act of 1873," has been approved and transmitted to the First Comptroller of the Treasury, for file in that office.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Oct. 28th 1874.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The Statement showing the result of the Assay of Special Test coins from the coinage of the Carson Mint, for the month of September, has not yet been received at this office.

Will you be kind enough to forward it.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, acting Director.

Oct. 28th 1874.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform this office whether Messrs. Rogers & Booth have made any report upon the Dodge Amalgamating machine since the date of their last Report, Sept. 19th 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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C. J. Cowles, Esq. Oct. 28th. 1874.

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte.

Sir:

In answer to your communication of the 26th. inst, relative to pieces in your possession, I have to say, that no action will be taken as to their disposal, until the return of the Director, on or about the 20th. prox.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor Oct. 28th. 1874.

First Comptroller,

Treasy Dept.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your Office, the Official Bond of Alex. Martin, as Assist. Melter & Refiner of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, executed in the sum of $10,000.00 under the provisions of the "Coinage Act of 1873."

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq. Oct. 28th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th. inst. enclosing the official oath of Jonathan Doane, Jr. whose appointment was this day approved as Coiner's Assistant to take effect from Oct. 1st, 1874.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. Oct. 28th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st. inst. enclosing the official oaths of the following persons appointed adjusters in your Mint, viz:

Ada E. Brewster, from October 5th, 1874.

Mary A. Hodgkinson " " 9th, " .

Ada E. Pixley, " " " "

Very respectfully.

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Wm. Schmolz, Esq. Oct. 29th. 1874.

416 Montgomery St.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Drafts for $406.50 issued in payment of your accounts for services and expenses in visiting the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City Nev. to adjust the Balances.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

H. R. Linderman Oct. 29th. 1874.

Mint U. S. San Francisco.

Commission will be forwarded this week.

Delay fully explained by letter some days since.

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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Eugene Oechsen, Esq.

Oct. 30th 1874.

2013 Columbia Ave.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Yours of the 28th inst. received. No decision relative to the Metis medal designs will be arrived at until the return of the Director who is now absent in California, and who is expected back on or about the 20th prox.

Very respectfully

M. E. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

Oct. 30th 1874.

Supt. Mint U.S,

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your Bullion account for the quarter ending Sept. 30th 1874, is received.

Very respectfully

M. E. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

October 31st 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has this day been requested to cause an account to be stated in favor of the Treasurer of the U.S. for the sum of $12,093.67, to reimburse your Bullion Fund for the wastage of the operative officers in their gold workings from July 1st 1872, to June 30th 1874, in excess of the deductions on deposits for that period, and that the Treasurer be directed to credit the amount when received by him as a transfer of funds from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully

M. E. Davis, Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

October 31st 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

From the Statement of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, transmitted herewith, it appears that the deductions on gold deposits from July 1st 1872 to June 30th 1873, amounting to $5.154.11 were not sufficient to reimburse the Bullion Fund of the Mint for the amount of $6.991.12 allowed the operative officers for wastage in their gold operations, making a deficiency in that Fund for fiscal year ending June 30th 1873 of $1.837.00.

It furthermore appears that during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, a loss on the sale of gold sweeps occurred, amounting to $3.833.46. and the operative officers were allowed for legal wastage in their gold workings the sum of $14,268.41, while the deductions on gold deposits for that period amounted to only $7.844.51 creating an additional deficiency in the Bullion Fund of $10.257.36, making a total of $12.093.67 for the fiscal years ending June 30th 1873 & 1874.

The gold deposits at the Mint of Philadelphia from April 1st 1873 to June 30th 1874 amounted to $35.093.174.95 of which amount the sum of $20,817.489.04 was light gold coins deposited for recoinage, and upon which not a single charge or deduction was made by the Mint from the bullion value thereof, while according to the calculations made by the Superintendent of the Mint, the sum of $7,174.04 of the gold wastage of the Coiner and the Melter & Refiner above enumerated, is properly chargeable to light gold coins recoined, and it would appear to be nothing more than proper that the Bullion Fund of the Mint should be reimbursed to that

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extent from the appropriation for "loss on re-coinage of light gold coin", but, as there are unexpended balances to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint, Philadelphia, for the fiscals years named, amounting in the aggregate to $9.966.24, which can be legally applied for that purpose, it is recommended that the sum of $9.837.01 of the same be so applied, and the sum of $2,256.66 be paid from the appropriation for loss on recoinage of light gold coin.

I have therefore to respectfully request that you will cause an account to be stated in favor of T. E. Spinner, Treasurer of the United States for the sum of twelve thousand and ninety three 67/100 dollars ($12,093.67) for wastage by the operative officers of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia, from July 1st 1872 to June 30, 1874, in excess of the deductions on gold deposits for that period, payable in coin from the following named appropriations:

For Contingent expenses of the Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia for fiscals year ending June 30, 1874,	$1.837.01
For Contingent Expenses of the Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia for fiscals year ending June 30th 1874	$8.000.00
And from the appropriation for loss on recoinage of light gold coin 1874.	$2.256.66
Making	$12,093.67

and the Treasurer be directed to credit the amount when received by him as a transfer of funds from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Alex. Martin, Esq.

Nov. 2, 1874.

Acting Melter & Refiner
Mint U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

Your commission as Melter & Refiner of the Mint U. S. San Francisco has been recd from the President. I enclose herewith official bond which you will please execute and forward to this office as early as possible in order that your commission may be forwarded, and you may enter upon the duties of your new position.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Nov. 2d. 1874.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for $31,700. to meet expenditures for the month of November, has this day been approved from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	$3,200.
Wages	21,500.
Contingent Expenses	7,000.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

H. R. Linderman

Nov. 2d. 1874.

Mint San Francisco.

Sent drawings today. Also Martin's commission.

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Nov. 2d 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith commission of Alexander Martin as Melter & Refiner of your Mint, which please keep in your possession until instructed to deliver the same to Mr. Martin.

As soon as his officials bond has been received, approved and filed, I will telegraph you to deliver commission.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nev.

November 3d 1874.

Sir:

In consequence of the appointment of Mr. J. R. Hoper as Chief Clerk of your Mint, this day approved, it will be necessary for him to render a new bond, and you will please instruct him to execute the same in the sum of $5,000.00 and forward to this office at the earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

Nov. 3d 1874

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Assay Report No. 291. Silver Bullion deposited in third quarter 1874, returned for signature of the Assayer. Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Nov. 3d 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th ult. asking why the full amount of your requisition for October 1874, was not granted, I respectfully refer you to the Director's letter of Sept. 19th and Oct. 8th informing you that under the ruling of the Department, "a Disbursing Officer shall at no time have advances in excess of his bond."

At the time your October requisition was received, you had on hand $38,950. for which no vouchers had been received at the Department, showing that any of the amount had been disbursed by you. Add to $38,950. the sum named in your requisition, $15,250, and the excess over and above your bond, would have been $4,200.

Under these circumstances, it was necessary to make a reduction in the amount of your requisition, and it was thought the least inconvenience would result from reducing the amount asked for Contingent Expenses, rather than that of Wages of Workmen.

I have been as explicit as possible in order that you may fully understand the matter, and I may further add, that as soon as your accounts are rendered for moneys already advanced you, there will be no difficulty in having the full amount of your requisitions remitted.

I am, very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

November 3d. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st. ult. enclosing bills of R. R. McClure in duplicate for "Specimen Coins" is received.

The account of Mr. McClure has been approved and referred to the First Auditor for settlement and in due course of business draft will be transmitted for the amount.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Nov. 3d. 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 2nd. inst. enclosing the oath of Mrs. E. Biddle, appointed Adjuster from November 1st, 1874, vice Miss. E. F. Boyd, resigned.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

R. W. Raymond, Esq.
Commissioner of Mining Statistics.

Nov. 4th. 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 31st. ult. giving statistics of the precious metal product of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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N. D. Miller, Esq.

Austin, Texas.

Nov. 4th. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Director of the Mint, Philadelphia, reached this office this morning. In it you do not mention the reason for the refusal on the part of the Bank in Galveston to receive the coins, although the inference may be drawn, that they were of light weight.

Section 14th. of the Coinage Act of 1873, after reciting the denomination and weight of the gold coins of the United States concludes as follows: "which "coins shall be a legal tender in all payments at "their nominal value when not below the standard "weight and limit of tolerance provided in this "act for the single piece, and, when reduced in "weight, below said standard and tolerance, shall "be a legal tender at valuation in proportion to "their actual weight; and any gold coin of the "United States, if reduced in weight by natural "abrasion not more than one half of one per "centum below the standard weight prescribed "by law, after a circulation of twenty years as "shown by its date of coinage, and at a ratable "proportion for any period less than twenty years "shall be received at their nominal value by the "United States Treasury and its Officers, under "such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury "may prescribe for the protection of the Government "against fraudulent abrasion or other practices; "and any gold coins in the Treasury of the United "States reduced in weight below this limit of "abrasion shall be re-coined."

I enclose circular issued by the Treasury Department explaining the Section referred to above.

The Act applies only to the U. S. Treasury and

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its offices. Whether a bank can legally refuse coin, which has been declared by law to be a legal tender under the provisions prescribed in Section 14, Coinage Act of 1873, is a question outside of the jurisdiction of this office.

I am, very respectfully
W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Calvin C. Cowles, Esq. November, 5th 1874.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office during the months of November 1874 has been approved for the sum of $500.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$269.00
Wages of Workmen	1875	31.00
Contingent Expenses	1875	200.00

Very respectfully
W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Nov. 5th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $10,700.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$2,900.
Wages of Workmen	1875	5.800.
Contingent Expenses	1875	2.000

Very respectfully
W. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

November 5th 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of October 1874 is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

November 6th 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find bills of Jas. C. Booth for travelling expenses transmitted with your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of October, 1874 returned for verification by oath as required by the circular of the Secretary of the Treasury issued under date of August 1st 1874, a copy of which is enclosed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Nov. 7th 1874.

Sir:

Your corrected accounts current and abstracts for the months of August and September 1874 are received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Nov. 7th. 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the months of October 1874 is received.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.

First Auditor.

Nov. 9th. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Accounts of Albert Walters, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho for the months of August & September 1874.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

M. J. Bonzano, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Nov. 9th. 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the months of October 1874 is received.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Assayer &c - Denver. Col.

Nov. 9th. 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of Statements showing the operations of your Mint for the month of October 1874.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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N. Y. Bonzano, Esq.

November 10th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 6th inst. making requisition for a set of blank forms for your monthly reports of Official Postage Stamps, and have this day called the matter to the attention of the Principal clerk in charge of the Stationery for this Department, - additional blanks will be forwarded to you this day. I am informed that these forms have been sent you several times, - the last on the 14th ult. and it is a matter of some surprise that none have been received by you.

Very respectfully

M. E. Davis

Acting Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Nov. 10th. 1874.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $2,583.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$848.00
Wages of Workmen	1875	1.235.00
Contingent Expenses	1875	500.00

Very respectfully

M. E. Davis

Acting Director.

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J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Nov. 15th 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of October, 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.

Nov. 15th 1874.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Ordinary Expense Account of J. J. L. Schirmer, Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint Denver, Col. for the months of October 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.

Nov. 10th 1874.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion accounts of James Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia for the quarter ending September 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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D. W. Mahon, Esq.
First Auditor.

November 18th 1874.

Sir:

Referring to a communication from this Office under date of October 24th 1874 notifying you that H. H. Lawrence, a workman in the Assayer's Dept. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco had been over-paid for the month of September 1874, and requesting that a disallowance be made, I have to inform you that the compensation of Mr. Lawrence has been increased from $7.50 to $8.00 per diem from September 1st 1874 on account of additional work performed, and to request that the amount disallowed in this case be allowed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Nov. 18th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this Office under date of October 16th 1874 in relation to the amount paid H. H. Lawrence a workman in the Assayer's Dept. of your Mint for the month of September 1874, I have to inform you that in consequence of the increase of compensation of Mr. Lawrence, submitted in your letter of the 31st ult. this day approved to take effect from the 1st of September last, I have addressed a communication to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury, requesting that the disallowance made in your accounts for the month of September in this case be disallowed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st. Auditor.

November 10th. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses Account of M. V. Bonzano, Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans for the month of October, 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st. Auditor.

Nov. 10th. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion accounts of Albert Wolters, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the quarter ending September 30th. 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
First Auditor.

November 11th. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenses of Thomas G. Acton, Esq. Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the month of October, 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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M. H. Bonzano, Esq. November 11th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The accounting Officers of the Department have decided that they can only allow you credit in your Ordinary account for the following items under the head of Contingent Expenses, viz: Fuel, lights, chemicals & crucibles, the law making the appropriation not providing for any other items under the head of Contingent Expenses.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. November, 11th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 3rd inst., asking for a Statement of the number of pounds of Ingot Copper embraced in the last shipment made to your Mint, together with the cost of the same, I inclose a copy of the bill of Hendricks Brothers, showing the total number of pounds to have been 11.083, and the total cost $2,826.16.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

Telegram. H. R. Linderman, Nov. 12th 1874.
Mint U. S. San Francisco.
When do you leave San Francisco?
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

November 12th 1874.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of November, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $32,095.40 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$2,095.40
Wages of Workmen	1875	22,000.
Contingent Expenses	1875	8.000

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

C. E. Fuss, Esq.
P. O. Box 446
Macon, Ga.

Nov. 12th 1874.

Sir:

Yours of the 9th inst. received. No decision has been made as to the selection of designs for the Metis and Life Saving Medals. The Director of the Mint is absent in California, and on his return the awards will be made, and the designs returned to the competitors.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram.

James Crawford, Supt. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Nov. 12th 1874.

Have you forwarded your ordinary accounts? No further advances can be made until their receipt. Requisition for November received this morning.

M. V. Davis - Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — Nov. 13th 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office of a letter from Hon. J. H. Mitchell, U. S. Senator, asking for a copy of report relative to the establishment of an Assay Office at Portland, Oregon, recently made by an agent sent from this Department, and also a copy of a protest made by the Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, against the removal or abolishment of that Institution. Copies of the papers referred to, are herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Abendroth Brothers, — Nov. 13th 1874.

109 & 111 Beekman St.
New York.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. relative to the non-payment of your Bill for articles furnished the Mint at Carson, on the 27th of May last, and have referred a copy of the same to the Superintendent of that Institution, with the request that he give the matter immediate attention.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

November 13th. 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of letter addressed this office, from Abendroth Brothers, of New York, in which they complain of non-payment of their bill, amounting to $107.50 for twelve Gold boiling Kettles, furnished your Mint on the 27th. of May last.

A copy of their bill is also enclosed.

Very respectfully
W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Nov. 13th. 1874.

Sir:

Your account of disbursements on account of Ordinary Expenses of the Mint of the U.S. at Carson City for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

November 14th. 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the months of October 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
W. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Thomas E. Acton, Esq. Nov. 14th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the third quarter 1874, are received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Albert Wobbers, Esq. Nov. 14th 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office.
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $926.60 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$554.40
Wages of Workmen,	1875	122.20
Contingent Expenses,	1875	250.00

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq. Nov. 16th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of November, 1874 has been approved for the sum of five hundred and twenty five dollars and forty cents, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$285.40
Wages of Workmen	1875	240.00

Very respectfully M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Nov. 17th. 1874.

Sir:

Accompanying this please find quartz specimen, which I wish you to have assayed, and the result reported to this office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Nov. 17th. 1874.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish for the use of the Committee on Appropriations, at your earliest convenience, a tabular statement showing the gross earnings and expenditures by years for the year 1864 (fiscal) and from 1870 to 1872, inclusive.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Nov. 17th. 1874.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish at your earliest convenience, for the use of the Committee on Appropriations, a tabular statement, showing the gross earnings and expenditures of your office by years from 1860 to 1864, and from 1870 to 1872, inclusive.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Nov. 17th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish at your earliest convenience for the use of the Committee on Appropriations a tabular statement showing the gross Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint, by years, from 1861 to 1864, and from 1870 to 1872, inclusive.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram. Superintendent U. S. Mint — Nov. 17th 1874.
San Francisco.

Send immediately statement showing gross earnings and expenditures by years from Eighteen hundred and sixty to sixty-five, and eighteen seventy to seventy-two inclusive, for appropriation Committee.

M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

Telegram. Superintendent, Mint — Nov. 17th 1874.
Carson, Nevada.

Send immediately statement showing gross earnings and expenditures by years from organization of Mint to eighteen seventy two, inclusive for appropriation committee.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — Nov. 17th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson, Nev.

Sir: Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of October 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Nov. 17th 1874.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint, for extra labor, performed during the months of August & September 1874, has been approved for the sum of two hundred and seventy-seven dollars and eighty two cents, from the following appropriation, viz:

Wages of workmen - 1875 ——— $277.82

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

November 17th 1874.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for extra labor performed during the month of July 1874, has been approved for the sum of five hundred and sixty-one dollars and nine cents, from the following appropriation:

Wages of workmen — 1875 ——— $561.09

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Nov.r 17th 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of October 1874 is received.

Very respectfully M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Nov. 14th. 1874.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1874. has been approved for the sum of $19.050.- from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$2,050.
Wages of workmen	1875	9,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1875	8,000.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. mint.
Philadelphia.

Nov. 14th. 1874.

Sir:

Mr. Howard of Mt. Sterling, Ky., sent some days since, a specimen of ore for assay at your mint. When the assay is completed will you be kind enough to send the result to this office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Nov, 18th. 1874.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30th. 1874. are received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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D. W. Mahon, Esq.

Nov. 18th. 1874.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of James Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia for the month of October, 1874.

Very respectfully,
M. F. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Nov. 18th. 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30th. and your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of October, 1874. are received.

Very respectfully,
M. F. Davis.
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Nov. 18th. 1874.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of Statements showing the operations of your Mint for the month of October 1874. together with monthly report for October of the movement of Subsidiary Silver Coins.

Very respectfully,
M. F. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia.

Nov. 18th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of report of Professors Rogers and Booth on the recent tests made of sweeps by the Dodge amalgamating machine.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st Auditor.

November 18th 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the accounts of James Crawford, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. of disbursements under Deficiency Appropriations for the year 1873-74.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
First Auditor.

Nov. 18th 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses account of Calvin J. Cowles, Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte N. C. for the month of October 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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D. W. Mahoney, Esq.

Nov. 18th 1874.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenses of Albert Walters Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho for the month of October, 1874.

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

November, 18th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City.

Sir:

Your Deficiency accounts for the year 1873, 74. have this day been referred to the First Auditor for adjustment.

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis

Acting Director.

O. H. Laflrange, Esq.

Nov. 18th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Bond of Alexander Martin, Esq. as Melter & Refiner of your Mint, has this day been received and approved, and I have duly advised you of the same by telegraph of this date.

You are therefore authorized to deliver to him his commission which was forwarded to you on the 2d inst.

Very respectfully

W. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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R. W. Taylor, Esq.
First Comptroller,
Treasy Dept.

Nov. 18th 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for file in your office the Official Bond of Alexander Martin, Esq. as Melter & Refiner of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
M. W. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Nov. 18th 1874.

Deliver Commission to Martin. Bonds approved this date.

M. W. Davis,
Acting Director.

Jno. L. Hancock Esq.
Hingston Centre. Deb. Co. Ohio.

Nov. 21st 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter referred to this office, asking for the "values of the moneys of the world as valued on basis of our American Gold Dollar" I enclose herewith Circular issued by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 1st of January last, which gives the values of the coins known to commence as expressed in the money of account of the United States, and also the value as determined by assay at the Mint in Philadelphia.

Accompanying this I also send a copy of the Director's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1873.

Very respectfully
M. W. Davis
Acting Director.

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D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st Auditor.

November 23d. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of J. J. L. Schirmer, Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado, for the quarter ending September 30th. 1874.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Nov. 24th. 1874.

Sir.

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether the die of the Lincoln medal containing on one side his head, and on the other, the inscription, "Abraham Lincoln, the crisis demands his re-election" is still in existence, and if so, what would be the cost of a gold medal struck therefrom.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. Lafrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Nov. 27th. 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of Statements of Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint from 1860 to 1865, and 1870 to 1872 inclusive.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Nov. 27th 1874.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. enclosing Statements of Earnings and Expenditures for the calendar years 1860 to 1864, and from 1870 to 1872 inclusive, together with a similar statement for the years 1865 to 1869, inclusive.

I will thank you to furnish for the appropriation Committee, a statement exhibiting the Earnings & Expenditures for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1870-1871 and 1872.

A statement for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1873, and 1874 is on file in this office.

Very respectfully
M. W. Davis
Acting Director.

James Ferrier, Esq.

Nov. 27th 1874.

P. M. Jeffersonville, Ind.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 23d inst. relative to the exchange of certain 3¢ silver and nickel pieces, and have this day referred the same to the Hon. James Pollock, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia who will advise you of the regulations governing the same.

Very respectfully
M. W. Davis
Acting Director.

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Messrs. Arendrotha Bros. Nov. 27th 1874.
109 & 111 Beekman Sts.
New York.

Gentlemen.

Referring to your letter of 12th inst. I have to inform you that notice has been received at this Office from the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, stating that the money in satisfaction of your account was forwarded from Carson on the 4th inst.

Very respectfully
M. H. Davis
Acting Director.

Messrs. G. Mallinckrodt & Co. November 30th 1874.
Manufacturing Chemists
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I would be pleased to receive a bid from you for furnishing the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col. with six (6) Carboys Nitric acid, Chemically pure, especially as to Chlorine.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Nov. 30th 1874.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to furnish me a copy of the Annual Mint Reports for as many years back as you may have printed copies.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Nov. 30th 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a letter from Jno. R. Hanna, Cashier of the City National Bank of Denver Col. to the Treasurer of the United States, enclosing a bill for amount paid Wells Fargo & Co's Express, "For Freight on 3 Bags nickels $500.00 from Philadelphia", and referred to this office. If these nickels were shipped from the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia to the Bank in Denver the amount is properly payable out of the Profits on Minor Coinage and you are requested to ascertain whether the amount for not paid by the Adams Express Co. to Wells Fargo & Co. and collected of the Mint, and if not, you will refund to the bank the amount paid Wells Fargo & Co. and charge the same in your account as transportation of Minor Coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Sutton & Co.
Cor. Wall & South Sts.
New York.

Nov. 30th 1874.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will render your account for freight on the 149 bbls sweeps per ship Black Hawk, in the name of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, in duplicate, and transmit the same to this office, when the proper steps will be taken to secure the payment thereof without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Nov. 2d. 30th. 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th. inst. relative to the 149 bbls of sweeps from the Mint of the U.S. San Francisco now on storage with Messrs. Sutton & Co. I have to request that you will be kind enough to superintend the disposal of the same, and that you will invite proposals from the Sweep dealers and Smelters in New York and vicinity for the purchase thereof either on the Assay of the same as made at the San Francisco Mint (a memorandum of which over the signature of the Superintendent is transmitted herewith) or by the Assay of sample drawn from the lot by the Smelters and dealers on a day fixed by yourself and under such restrictions as you may deem proper to protect the interest of the government.

The bids when received by you will be forwarded to this office when the proposal of the highest bidder will be accepted, it being understood that the sweeps are to be paid for in gold coin.

All bills for expenses attending these sweeps you will have rendered in duplicate, as against the Mint of the U. S. San Francisco, and transmit the same to this office for payment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Nov. 30th 1874.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward by Express, C.O.D. at cost price a copy of each of the Centennial medals, struck in Silver, for the Cabinet of this Bureau.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 1st 1874.

Sir:

Referring to letters from this office of Oct. 10th and Oct. 15th respectively, I will thank you to inform me whether the box containing Segment Collar and tools has been received by you, and whether a bill of Exchange has been purchased and sent to Mr. Alland in payment for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Dec. 1st 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ult. enclosing statement of the Bullion Fund, November 30th 1874 is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Dec. 1st. 1874.

Assayer in Charge
Mint U. S. Denver.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 20th ult. I have to say that the nomination of Mr. Andrews must be made and submitted to this office, before I can take any action in the premises.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr.

Dec. 1st. 1874.

1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I have yours of the 27th ult. relative to the coining press now ready for inspection.

You will please hold the press subject to further orders.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

R. W. Raymond, Esq.

Dec. 1st. 1874.

U. S. Comm. of Mining Statistics.
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for $4,200. has been approved and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Dec. 1st 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copies of letter and memorandum from the Assayer in charge at Charlotte, relative to sweeps in his possession, and will thank you to advise me as to what is the best course to pursue under the circumstances.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

E. S. Renwick Esq.

19 Park Place.
New York.

December 2, "1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th ult. received during my absence in California, I have to state that there is no fund out of which Dr. Miller could be paid for the use of his process by the United States; and that the necessary funds for that purpose would have to be appropriated by Congress.

I should not countenance any "lobbying," as you term it, but simply make the recommendation through the Secretary of the Treasury, and ask for the appropriation to be made.

Very respectfully, Yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Frank D. Hoetrick, Esq. Dec. 2d. 1874.
late Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

You are again respectfully requested to forward your bullion accounts for the fractional part of the Third quarter 1874 you were in office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Sutton & Co. Dec. 2d. 1874.
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 1st. inst. enclosing bills in duplicate for freight on 149 Bbls. Sweeps is received, and has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement and in due time a draft will be remitted you for the amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. Dec. 2d. 1874.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Your predecessor in office when forwarding his bullion accounts for the seconds quarter 1874, omitted to transmit the Assayer's reports, belonging thereto, - I will thank you to forward the same without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Dec. 2d. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the months of December, 1874 has been approved for the sum of $14,100.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$3,000.
Wages of workmen	1875	6.100.
Contingent Expenses	1875	5.000.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. Dec. 2d. 1874.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

In addition to the result of the assay heretofore reported of test coins sent from the Mint at San Francisco to your Institution, I will thank you also to report the weight of each piece assayed.

Similar instructions have been sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, relative to the test coins of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Dec. 2d. 1874.

Q. Hy. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

In addition to the result of the assay heretofore reported, of test coins sent from the Mint at Carson to your institution, I wills thank you also to report the weight of each piece assayed.

Similar instructions have been sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson relative to the test coins of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dec. 3d. 1874.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

During my recent visit to your Mint you exhibited to me a small bar or sample of silver found in your Clerks room, and requested instructions as to the proper disposition of the same, desiring to make some inquiries, I requested you to place the bar in your vault and hold it until further orders, - some days thereafter I saw Mr. Hetrick late Superintendent who informed me that he had received the bar from Mr. H. T. Rice his predecessor in Office, when he entered upon the duties of Superintendent and that he was informed by Mr. Rice at the time, that the bar came from the sweep-room and was intended as a specimen for the Cabinet of the Mint.

You are instructed to have the bar

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converted into Subsidiary Silver coin, and paid into the Treasury of the U. S. as proceeds of residuum from Sweeps, forwarding the usual receipts to this office.

I deem it proper to observe in connection with this matter, that the law requires every transaction in connection with bullion and coin to be made the subject of record and voucher, and the same to be incorporated in the accounts rendered to the Treasury Department, and that the law in this particular applies distinctly and unequivocally to bullion residues of whatever character, and that not a grain must be diverted from the proper accounts.

Of course it is understood that no wrong was intended in taking this parcel of bullion for the Cabinet, but it was never-the-less contrary to law and regulations.

I was also informed that in a few instances one or more Officers of the Mint had purchased small bars of bullion which were either too small in quantity or too base to be received as deposits, such transactions on the part of any person connected with the Mint are calculated to give rise to suspicions, and bring the service into disrepute, you will please see that no such transactions are allowed in the future.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

C. H. LaGrange
Mint. San Francisco.

Dec. 3d. 1874.

Amount requested in your dispatch of yesterday ordered and authorized by telegraph today.

H. R. Linderman ~ Director Mint.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow Dec. 3d. 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following Telegram from the Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco.

"Coinage slightly delayed by accident to Engine. Bullion Fund again exhausted. Deposits large, money in great demand for taxes. Additional half million temporary increase to Bullion Fund greatly needed; can be returned in thirty days."

This is the time of the year when the clean up of the gold mines for the season is made, and the deposits at the Mint are consequently heavier than at any other period of the year; and it being important to the public interests that there should be no interruption in the prompt payment of gold brought to the mint, I respectfully recommend and request that you will cause the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00) in gold coin to be transferred from the sub-treasury in San Francisco to the Bullion Fund of the Mint in that city, and that the transfer be made if practicable today by telegraph.

This transfer is requested under the provisions of sections 35 and 45, page 493, laws relating to the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully, yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Calvin J. Crowles, Esq.

December 4th 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office during the month of December, 1874 has been approved for the sum of $459.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$278.00
Wages of workmen	1875	31.00
Contingent Expenses	1875	150.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. T. B. Sears,

Dec. 4th 1874.

#715 Arch St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You are informed that no decision has yet been made on the designs submitted for the "Metis" and "Life saving" medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Dec. 5th 1874.

Supt. Assay Office, U. S.
New York.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November 1874. is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James A. Garfield
Chairman Committee Appropriations
House of Representatives.

Dec. 5th 1874.

Sir:

In compliance with your request I transmit herewith a copy of my letter under date of September 15th 1874 submitting to the Secretary of the Treasury the estimates of appropriations required for the support of the Mints and Assay Offices for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1876, and in which the various items embraced in the estimates are explained. Since the estimates were submitted the following Statement has been prepared and which exhibits the average operations of the Mints and Assay Offices for the ten (10) years ending June 30th 1872, and the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

Period	Amount operated upon. Gold.	Amount operated upon. Silver.	Coinages. Gold.	Coinages. Silver
Fiscal year ended June 30, 1874	$68,861,594.97	$15,122,151.31	$50,442,690.	$5,983,601.30
Average for ten years ended June 30, 1872	31.935.284.25	2,042,346.36	22,786,289	1,275,623.90

Period.	Bars prepared. Fine gold and bars of standard or above.	Unparted gold.	Fine silver.	Unparted silver.
Fiscal year ended June 30th 1874	$20,901,112.59	$10,584,705.41	$5,937,490.68	$910,308.50
Average for ten years, ended June 30, 1872	6,408,656.35	2,401,603.43	834,516.57	567,492.50

A comparison of the operations for the last fiscal year with the average result of the ten years ended June 30th 1872, will show the following percentages of increase.

	Percent.
In gold operated upon, about	115
In silver operated upon, about	397
In gold coinage, about	121
In silver coinage, about	369
In fine gold bars, about	226
In unparted gold bars, about	340
In fine silver bars, about	611
In unparted silver bars, about	60

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It will be seen from the above statement, that the business of the Mints and Assay Offices has been greatly augmented under the Coinage Act of 1873. The increased referred to will best explain the slight increase in the appropriations for the current fiscal year and the estimates for the next fiscal year. The Mints and Assay Offices are simply manufacturing establishments, and their expenses for any given period, will, except as to that of maintaining their regular organization, depend very much on the amount of bullion they are called upon to manipulate – the expenses being proportionately less when working to their full capacity. It has, therefore, been our aim to have all the bullion produced in the country and foreign coin and bullion imported brought to the Mints, and Assay Offices to be operated upon.

The expenses of the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, have been increased by the successful introduction of the trade dollar into China, the two Mints having during the last few months turned out about $500,000. per month in that coin. When it is considered that the weight of one half million in trade dollars is over thirteen tons, the magnitude of their operations will be readily understood. The advantages to the public of the conversion of silver into trade dollars are, that such coin command a premium of about two and one half (2½) per cent over bullion shipped in the form of bars, and by furnishing a domestic market for silver it enables silver bullion containing gold to be parted in the United States, and the resulting gold made into coin.

Without a home market for the silver such bullion will as a general rule be exported direct

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from the Mines to London, where it commands a higher price than silver containing no gold, and for the reason that it admits of gold bullion containing but a small percentage of silver to be added to it, and refined or parted without additional expense.

The trade dollar has become the commercial coin of China and Japan, and the demand for it for several months past has been largely in excess of the supply. We expect after this month to be able to coin seven hundred thousand (700,000) pieces per month at the Mints on the Pacific Coast.

Recent developements on the great Comstock Lode or Vein (Nevada) have been such as to justify the expectation that there will be no diminution for sometime to come in the extraordinary yield from that source and which has averaged about twenty two million dollars per annum for the last two years.

The bullion from the mines referred to is of a mixed character, averaging in fineness from 850 to 930 Silver and from 40 to 120 gold and 30 base metals, - the value of the gold and silver being about equal. Before either of the metals can be brought to the legal standard for coinage they must be separated the one from the other and which operation is termed "parting."

The most economical mixture for parting is about two ounces of Silver to one of gold. The operation is based on the principle that Silver is soluble in both Sulphuric and Nitric acids while gold is not.

Assuming the annual product of the Comstock Lode to be $20,000,000. of the proportion before stated, we will have over two hundred and

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sixty tons of Silver to be dissolved in acids, and afterwards recovered by precipitation.

In separating this bullion, all of the gold product of the country could be added without reducing the mixture to a proportion the most economic for the operation in question.

The economy of parting the precious metals on the Pacific Coast would be greatly promoted by concentrating the same at a single point.

Where the mixed bullion referred to is not to be obtained it is necessary to keep a large quantity of fine Silver on hand to mix with gold containing small percentages of Silver in order to insure economical parting.

It is very important that the class of bullion should be minted in our own Country.

Very respectfully
C. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James A. Garfield — Dec. 5th 1875.
Chairman Com. Appns.

Dear Sir:

There is evidently an error in the printed Estimates item Wages of Workmen Carson Mint. I send Mr. Davis of this office, with the copy on file showing the item as it should be. The amount which was estimated for under the head of Wages of Workmen, Carson Mint is $85,000. Last year the regular appropriation was $67,000 — Please have the matter corrected. $85,000. is as little as can be got along with.

Respectfully yours
C. R. Linderman
Director.

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President First National Bank
New York.

Dec. 5th 1874.

Sir:

I am informed that the dies of a medal voted by Congress to Corneilus Vanderbilt are in the custody of your Bank. It has been the practice of the Government to place all medal dies made for it, in the Mint at Philadelphia, in order to have them properly protected against injury from rust &c.

If the dies referred to are, as I suppose, the property of the United States will you have the kindness to forward them to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia at the expense of that institution for freight.

If not the property of the United States, will you please inform me to whom they belong.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nevada.

Dec. 5th 1874.

Sir:

Upon further examination of the bullion accounts of your predecessor in office Mr. C. D. Getchell, for the quarter ending June 30th 1874, it is found that he has omitted to forward the summary statement belonging to the same, and I will thank you to cause the same to be furnished at an early day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James A. Garfield.

Dec. 5th 1874.

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations.

Sir:

In compliance with your request I transmit herewith a Tabular Statement in relation to the Appropriations, Earnings and Expenditures, and operations of the Mint Establishment for certain years therein named.

In presenting the Statement I have to call your attention to the fact that prior to the 1st of April 1873, certain expenses of the Mint were defrayed out of the gain arising from the coinage and issue of the subsidiary silver and token coins, and that prior to 1870, the moneys arising from refining and other operations were also used to defray Mint Expenses.

The Statement therefore shows the expenditures to have been generally in excess of the Appropriations, and is of no value for the purpose of comparison. The best basis of comparison is the total expenditures for each year given in the table, and around which I have drawn a red line.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. Voight, Esq.

Dec. 5th 1874.

No. 6 Woodland Terrace

West Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 3d inst.

It is an impossibility for me to aid you in obtaining a position in any of the Mints, as there are no vacancies existing at the present time.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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A. C. Paquet, Esq.
Engraver, &c.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 5th 1874.

Sir:

I have to request that you will visit Washington to enable me to consult with you relative to certain matters now pending in this Office, and for which service you will be allowed your actual expenses, and six dollars per day from the date of leaving to that of your return to Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. G. Mallinchrodt & Co.
Manufacturing Chemists,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dec. 5th 1874.

Gentlemen:

Your communication of the 3rd inst. containing your offer to furnish the U. S. Mint at Denver with Chemically pure Nitric acid at 17¢ pr. lb. has been referred to the Assayer in Charge of that institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 5th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. enclosing original and duplicate C/D in favor of J. G. S. Schirmer Assayer U. S. Mint, Denver, for $482.65/100 coin has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Dec. 5th 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find a copy of a letter addressed by this office to Messrs. G. Mallinckrodt & Co. Manufacturing Chemists St. Louis, Mo. asking them for a bid for furnishing your Mint with the acid you requested purchased in your letter of the 21st ult. and a copy of their reply.

As the price for which they offer to furnish chemically pure nitric acid is much less than the price heretofore paid for the same in Philadelphia, you are authorized to purchase of Messrs. Mallinckrodt & Co. two carboys, and if upon trial it proves to be satisfactory you can purchase whatever quantity you may require.

The flasks you request will be purchased as soon as it is ascertained where they can be had on the most advantageous terms.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

A. C. Paquet.
1217 North 15th St.
Phila.

Dec. 5th 1874.

Please come here for consultation respecting medals.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

Dec. 7th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 26th 1874 respecting the sweeps on hand at your Assay Office, you are authorized to dispose of the same to the company alluded to by you in your letter if they will pay you 50% of their Assay value in gold coin before delivery; if they are not willing to pay that price you will ship them to Thomas E. Acton, Supt. U. S. Assay Office New York, prepaying the freight, and charging the amount in your Ordinary Expense Account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Geo. C. Thompson, Esq.

Dec. 7th 1874.

Supt. Adams Express Co.
Philadelphia.

Sir.

Your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing Bill for transporting bullion during the months of November 1874 was duly received and your account has been referred to the accounting officers for settlement.

An estimate will be sent to Congress asking for an appropriation to liquidate the indebtedness of the Government to your company for transporting bullion in the months of Novr 1873 and June 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Dec. 7th 1874.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of December, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $31,700.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$3,200.00
Wages of Workmen	1875	21,500.00
Contingent Expenses	1875	7,000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 7th 1874.

Sir:

I have to request that you furnish me with an approximate Statement of the amount of silver coin of the Netherlands received at your institution during the last few years.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thomas C. Acton
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

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Jacob F. L. Schirmer

Dec. 7th. 1874.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Robert P. Andrews as Asst. Calculating & Warrant Clerk of your institution, whose appointment was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.

Dec. 7th. 1874.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the ordinary Expense Account of Thomas C. Acton, Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office for the month of November 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Dec. 7th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your signature Certificate of Silver Deposit No. 1051, contained in your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending September 30th. 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Frank D. Hedrick, Esqr.

Dec. 7th 1874.

late Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Under date of October 16th 1874, vouchers nos. 10½ and 11½ for travelling expenses incurred by you and transmitted with your accounts of Ordinary Expenses for the months of July and August 1874 were returned to you by this Office for verification by your affidavit as required by Circular of the Treasury Department, under date of August 1st 1874 and have not as yet been returned by you.

You are requested to comply with the requirements of the Department and return the vouchers without further delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob V. L. Schirmer

Dec. 7th 1874.

Assayer in Charge &c.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. and as per request, have sent you by this days mail, six copies each of Blanks for official Bonds and oath of Office.

Should not the number not be sufficient, additional copies will be furnished upon requisition.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st Auditor.

Dec. 7th 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses of James Crawford, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nev. for the months of September and October, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wm. E. DuBois, Esq.
Assayer Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 8th 1874.

My dear Sir:

I return you my sincere thanks for the careful and elaborate criticism on the computations of the Russian Coinage contained in your communication of the 7th inst.

Very Truly yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

December 8th 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 7th inst. and to return the accompanying enclosures with the request that Mr. Pollock's wishes be complied with.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Herman Kuber, Esq. Dec. 8th 1874.

2039 Brandywine St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I would like you to prepare designs as follows:

1st For obverse and reverse "Metis" medal.

2d For obverse and reverse "Life Saving" medal of second class.

The rough design enclosed herewith, was prepared by you some months since, and with slight modifications and a suitable reverse, it would probably answer for the Metis medal.

For the Metis medal, we should have a design which will properly represent the event, viz: the destruction of a Steamer, and the rescue of several persons from a watery grave. During the struggle for life, Captain Crandall and four men went from the Light House at Watch Hill during a high sea to the sinking Steamer, and rescued a number of persons from drowning.

The Life Saving Medal of the second class will be something smaller than those of the first class, and the design need not be so elaborate. There should either be a modification of design or an entirely new one.

The designs will be subject to my approval, and paid for at fair and usual rates.

I enclose a printed slip, and by reference to the portion not crossed off by black lines, you will find the essential points connected with the Medals which it is desired to prepare.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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German Faber, Esq.

Dec. 8th 1874.

2039 Brandywine St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your designs (obverse and reverse) for the Life Saving Medal having been accepted by me with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, you will please sign and return the enclosed voucher (in duplicate) to this office, and which when received will be referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due time a draft will be sent you for the amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Dec. 8th 1874

Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir.

I will thank you to send me a bronze copy of the Agassiz Medal, also one in Silver, provided any have been struck in that metal.

These copies being intended for the Federal collection of medals and coins at Berne, Switzerland, only the actual cost of materials will be charged.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Legation.

G. B. Newton

Dec. 8th 1874

1730 Spruce St. Philad.a

At what rate can you furnish eight (8) tons Minnesota Copper, best variety &c.

H. R. Linderman - Director of the Mint.

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A. E. Paquet Esq.

Dec. 8th 1874.

Engraver, &c.

Sir:

Your offer of this date to engrave the obverse and reverse die, size three inches, of the Life Saving Medal of the first class, according to the designs of Herman Faber, and subject to my examination and approval for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.) is hereby accepted, and you are authorized to proceed immediately with the work.

The designs of Mr. Faber are handed you herewith, and when you shall have no further use for them in connection with the preparation of the dies, you will return them to this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

The legends and inscriptions to be placed on the dies are herewith annexed.

Obverse

"Life Saving Medal of the first class"

"United States of America."

Reverse.

Below the design, the words

"Act of Congress, June 20th. 1874"

Around the outer edge, the words

"In testimony of heroic deeds in saving life from the perils of the sea."

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M. Herbert, Esq.

Dec. 8th 1874.

1st National Bank.

Washington C. H. Ohio.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. addressed to the Hon. James Pollock, Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, and by that Officer forwarded to this office.

As per request, I take pleasure in sending to you by this days mail a copy of my Annual Report.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Pope, Cole & Co.

Dec. 8th 1874.

57 South Gay St. Baltimore, Md.

Please give quotations for your best variety of refined copper.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

R. W. Tayler, Esq.

Dec. 9th 1874.

1st Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th ultimo, enclosing a copy of a letter adressed to you by Col. Lyford of the Ordinance office, War Department Chairman &c. relative to the amount of space required by the Treasury Department at the Centennial Exhibition of 1876, and asking me to indicate what will be desired by my office, you are respectfully informed, that no space will be required by this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Dec. 9th 1874.

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I received your telegram yesterday requesting eight (8) tons of copper to be forwarded immediately by rail.

After ascertaining the rate for the M. M. C. brand and that refined at Baltimore I concluded to order five (5) tons of each, and which will be shipped to you immediately.

The copper of the M. & M. C. brand is generally purchased for French account in advance of its production and when we desire to purchase, a higher price is charged than for Ordinary Lake Superior Copper.

Having reason to believe that the copper refined by Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co. Baltimore is equally as well adapted for alloy as the brand before mentioned I caused a small lot to be sent you sometime since and requested you to report to me the result of your trial of the same, and which report has not yet been received. I think however that you verbally informed me when I was last in San Francisco, that the trial had proven very satisfactory.

You will please inform me how the lot now about to be shipped turns out.

If the Baltimore copper should prove satisfactory it will be greatly for the interest of the Government as it can be bought much cheaper than the M. M. C. brand.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. Dec. 9th. 1874.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I have your favr of yesterday quoting best refined copper at 23½ cents per pound.

You are requested to ship by rail to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco five (5) tons of ingot copper similar to that furnished sometime since.

The copper being required for alloying gold & silver coins must be free from all other metals and especially iron, I must therefore request that you be particular to send the proper article.

You will ship at through rates and have the same stated on B/L and send your account and B/L in duplicate to this office.

When a through trial shall have established the fact that your copper is as good as that of the M. M. C. which we have, with the exception of the lot heretofore purchased of you, been using for alloying our gold and silver coins, I shall be pleased to receive proposals from you for supplying the Mints of the U. S. with all the copper required for this purpose.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

G. B. Newton, Dec. 9th. 1874.

303 Walnut St. Phila. Pa.

Ship five ton by Rail to United States mint San Francisco at through freight rates, and send account and Bills of Lading to this office.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Dec. 9th 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

There is now on hand at the Mint of the U. S. Carson City, Nevada, the sum of $141.870.00 in coin, arising from the following sources, which is properly payable and should be paid into the Treasury of the U. S. viz:

Coinage and bar charge	$74.339.12
Deductions on Deposits	67.530.88
	$141.870.00

As the present amount of the bullion fund of the Mint at Carson City is inadequate for the prompt payment of depositors it is respectfully recommended that it be increased by the addition of the above named sum.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. B. Newton, Esq.

Dec. 9th 1874.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day, viz:

"Ship five ton by rail to U. S. Mint, San Francisco, at through freight rates, and send account and Bills of Lading to this office".

You will please ship the above named quantity of M. & M. C. brand of ingot copper without delay at through freight rates, and have the same stated on B/L and send your account and B/L in duplicate to this office.

Only five tons are ordered for the reason that the price is regarded as too high.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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W. Y. Bonzano, Esq.

Dec. 9th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of December, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $422.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries ——— 1875 ——— $294.80
Wages of Workmen — 1875 ——— 127.20

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

Dec. 9th 1874.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the quarter ending September 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr.

Dec. 9th 1874.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing in duplicate bills for Coining Press, for the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. and Bills of Lading for the shipment of the same, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Dec. 9th 1874.

Assayer Mint of the U. S.
Denver. Col.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Duplicate certificate of deposit for $482.65 being the net proceeds of unparted bar transmitted by you to the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia for coinage I also enclose Mint memorandum showing the gross value of the bar and amount of deductions and charges thereon and which you will file with your accounts for the quarter when transmitting them to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. W. Ernst. Esq.

Dec. 9th 1874.

P. O. Box. #671.
Providence R. I.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 7th inst. I take pleasure in sending to your address by this days mail a copy of my Annual Reports.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

Dec. 9th 1874.

San Francisco.

When will coinage be commenced?

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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W. Rogers, Esq.

P. O. Box. 4391.

Boston. Mass.

Dec. 9th. 1874.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of July 31st. ult. I have mailed to your address a copy of my Annual Report.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. B. Maglathlin, Esq.

P. O. Box. 61.

Kingston. Mass.

Dec. 9th. 1874.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of July 21st. ult. I have mailed to your address a copy of my Annual Report.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. C. Paquet, Esq.

Philadelphia.

Dec. 10th. 1874.

Sir.

Your letter of the 9th. inst. enclosing your account for services and expenses on visiting Washington, as requested by me on business connected with this office, has been received.

Your account has been referred to the accounting officers of the Department for settlement, and in due time a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 10th 1874.

Sir:

You are requested to furnish this Office with a Statement showing the number of gold and silver ingot melts made monthly, also the number of the same condemned for the period from April 1st 1873 to November 30th 1874 inclusive, and in the future you will transmit a Statement of the same monthly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the US.
San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 10th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst. enclosing voucher No. 29 in favor of James Duffy & Co. for $21,284.18 is received.

The Secretary of the Treasury will be requested to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor, for the balance $15,048.73 of the deficiency appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104E 236 Vol 004

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 10th 1874.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the months of December 1874. has been approved for the sum of $21.686.36 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$2,050.
Wages of Workmen	1875	8.500.
Contingent Expenses	1875	11.136.36

It was found necessary to reduce the amount asked for in your Requisition for Contingent Expenses, the amount allowed you being the balance remaining to the credit of the Appropriations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Dec. 10th 1874.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of December, 1874 has been approved for the sum of $2443.00 from the following Appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$876.
Wages of Workmen	1875	1.317.
Contingent Expenses	1875	250.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

Dec. 10th. 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, by reference to this office, of a communication addressed to you by the Department of State, in respect to the amount of silver coin of the Netherlands received at the Mints of the United States during the last few years, and in compliance with your instructions report as follows:

The amount of silver coin of the Netherlands (2½ Guilders) received at the U. S. Assay Office New York, since 1872 was 2,883 ounces troy, of the value in U. S. money of $3,492.00

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia states that silver coin of the Netherlands are very rarely received at that institution.

The officials returns from the Mints at Carson Nev. and San Francisco, Cal. do not embrace any Netherland coins.

The letter of the Secretary of State and its accompaniment is returned herewith.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient Servant

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Dec. 10th. 1874.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the oath of office of Miss. Maggie Cook, whose appointment as Adjuster in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint, was this day approved.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

Messrs. Morgan & Orr. Dec. 10th 1874.

Philadelphia

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith I find Treasury Draft for eight Thousand six hundred and thirty six 50/100 dollars ($8,636.50) issued in payment for Coining Press and appurtenances furnished by you for the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City Nevada.

You will please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Bvt. Maj. Genl. A. A. Humphreys Dec. 10th 1874.

Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

Sir:

I have the honor to most respectfully request a set of the Reports of Geological Survey of the 40th Parallel made under your direction by Clarence King, Esq.

This Report would be of especial interest and value to me in connection with the discharge of my officials duties.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Bluford Wilson, Esq. Dec. 10th 1874.

Solicitor, U. S. Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your examination & certificate the Official Bond of Theodore R. Hooper, Chief Clerk, of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 10th 1874.

Sir:

The sum of eight Thousand six hundred and thirty six 50/100 dollars has been paid to Messrs. Morgan & Orr for the Coining Press shipped you on the 8th inst. from the appropriations for Machinery and Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 10th 1874.

Sir:

I am advised by Messrs. Morgan & Orr of Philadelphia of the shipment to you on the 8th instant of the Coining Press and appurtenances (ordered for your Mint in June last) care of D. W. Earl, Sacramento, Calª.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Superintendent &c. Carson, Nev.

Dec. 10th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3d inst. making requisition for Blank "forms No. 1. a." and in reply I have to inform you that the same have been sent to your address per this day's mail.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hugo Eichhartz, Esq.

December 11th 1874.

Sir:

I have to inform you that upon an examination of the designs for the "Metis" and "Life-saving" medals, submitted to this office, in accordance with Treasury Circular of August 5th ult., that of Mr. Herman Faber of Philadelphia, was selected for the Life Saving Medal.

The designs for the Metis medal were all rejected, none of them appearing to be appropriate for the purpose.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Paul Erichsen, Esq.
Geo. W. Humphrey, Esq.
Morton Christensen, Esq.
E. Grehen, Esq.
H. V. McAuley, Esq.
C. A. Meuth, Esq.
Mrs. E. G. Dykes.
Messrs. Horner Lee & Co.
George Silberman, Esq.
Walter J. Hoffman, Esq.
Goldsborough Bruff, Esq.
Treasury Department
Register's Office.

C. Sheiler, Esq.
C. E. Lewis, Esq.
W. Freeland, Esq.
C. A. Northam, Esq.
A. Gretsch, Esq.
John Carlin, Esq.
Hermann Santen, Esq.
Wm. J. Lutz, Esq.
A. Van Cleef, Esq.
C. E. Fuss, Esq.
E. N. Madel, Esq.
U. S. Coast Survey
Washn. D.C.

Miss. Vinnie Ream
Washington. D.C.

A. J. Lewis, Esq.

Messrs. F. E. Felton and Saml. N. Small.

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J. F. L. Shirmer, Esq. Dec. 11th 1874.

Assayer Mint, U.S.
Denver. Col.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November 1874. is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter to
M. G. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Hon. R. W. Taylor, Dec. 11th 1874.
1st Compt.

Sir:

Upon a further consideration of the subject matter of your communication of the 10th ult. enclosing a copy of a letter from Col. Suffords relative to the amount and character of space required &c. at the Centennial Exhibition of 1876. at Philadelphia, I would suggest that a floored space, say 20 x 20 feet, with a wall on one side 16 feet high, be set apart for the use of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. S. A. Garnett, Dec. 11th 1874.

416. Montgomery St. San Francisco.

What amount of partibles Silver bullion will probably be produced per annum from Mines of Pacific Coast during next two years. How much of same silver and gold respectively.

H. R. Linderman, Director Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

Monsieur F. Allard

Director of the Mint.

Brussels.

Dec. 11th. 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith two drafts drawn by Messrs. Sherman & Co. of this city, on Messrs. Monroe & Co. of Paris, one for 500 francs the other for 40 francs, making 540 francs, the amount of your account for regiment collar, kindly made by you for our Mint at Philadelphia.

The delay in remitting the amount has been caused by my absence in making my Annual visit of inspection of our Mints on the Pacific Coast.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 11th. 1874

Sir:

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The suggestion contained in your letter of yesterday to strike copper-bronzed copies of the Cornelius Vanderbilt medal is approved, and you will please add that medal to the list of public medals, and cause the dies for the same to be properly preserved.

We should have copies of the Centennial Medals for the Cabinet of this Office - applications to see those medals are quite numerous.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

Hon. B. H. Bristow,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dec. 11th 1874.

Sir:

Be pleased to issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of James Crawford, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nev. for the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of said Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Herman Faber, Esq.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 11th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing bills in duplicate for design furnished by you for Life Saving Medal, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury and in due time you will receive a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.
Baltimore, Md.

Dec. 11th 1874.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. offering to send me for analysis a piece of an ingot of the same charge from which the shipment of copper to the Mint at San Francisco was made I have to say that I should be pleased to have you do so.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director

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Hon. James Pollock

Dec. 11th 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have caused to be purchased and remitted to T. Allard, Director of the Mint, Brussels, Belgium, a draft for five hundred and forty francs, in payment for the Segment Collar and tools furnished by him, and the cost thereof has been paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Dec. 11th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for receipt Gold Bullion Certificates Nos. 289, 298, and 1211, and for endorsement Gold Bullion Receipt No. 995, the same being a part of your Bullion Account for the quarter ending September 30th 1874, and your earliest attention is requested thereto.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Dec. 12th 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You are requested to transmit to this office your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman

RG104 E 253 Vol 004

J. D. Allen, Esq.

December 12th 1874.

Barnwell, S.C.

Sir:

Your letter dated November 8th (probably intended for December) in relation to some silver ware which you desire to dispose of, reached me this morning. If you will inform me of the manufacturer's name and standard or purity stamped on the ware, I can better advise you what course to pursue to realize the best price for it.

Silver ware manufactured by well known firms always has the name of the manufacturer and alleged standard stamped upon it. If of English manufacture, the word "sterling" (which means that 925 parts in a 1,000 is silver) will be found stamped upon it. If of American manufacture the words "coin standard" (900 fine) or "U. S. coin standard" will be found stamped upon it.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Dec. 12th 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in your favor for the sum of fifteen thousands dollars, from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

RG104 E 331 Vol 004

Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. Dec. 12th 1874.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing bills in duplicate and B/Ls for 10,000 lbs. Ingot Copper shipped by you to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Treasury for settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted you for the amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Dec. 12th 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of the bills of Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. and Bills of Lading for 10,000 lbs. Ingot Copper shipped your Mint.

The amount due Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. will be paid them direct from the Treasury, and charged to the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the U.S. Mint San Francisco.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. Dec. 12th 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find copies of the bills of Messrs. Morgan & Orr for machinery furnished for the Mint U.S. at Carson City.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman

RG104 E-255 Vol 004

Albert Walters, Esq. Dec. 12th 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the month of December, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $949.20 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$572.80
Wages of workmen	1875	126.40
Contingent Expenses	1875	250.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq. Dec. 12th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the Mint of November 1874 is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Dec. 12th 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith voucher in duplicate for two silver Centennial medals for the Cabinet of this Office properly certified.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104 E335 Vol 004

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nevada.

Dec. 12th 1874.

Sir:

You are requested to furnish this office with a Statement showing the amount of the liabilities of your Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, unpaid.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada.

Dec. 14th 1874.

Sir:

I send you to-day by Express a small box containing a sample of copper taken from a small lot shipped to the San Francisco Mint by Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. of Baltimore. You will please cause a careful analysis to be made of the same by Professor Booth and the result reported to me. It is said to contain no other metal or substance than a trace of silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Dec. 14th 1874.

Sir:

I have to inform you that I have this day transmitted to the 1st Auditor for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of November, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 004

Hon. B. H. Bristow — Dec. 14th 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter from the Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco requesting, for reasons therein stated that the Silver bullion fund of that Mint be increased to one million of dollars.

By the 47th Section of the Coinage act of 1873 it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to keep in the Mints, and Assay Office N.Y. when the state of the Treasury will admit thereof, such an amount of public money or bullion procured for that purpose, as he shall judge convenient and necessary out of which those who bring bullion to the said Mints and Assay Office may be paid the value thereof in coin or bars as soon as possible after the value has been ascertained, &c.

The large demand for the Trade Dollar, and which it is important to meet as promptly as is practicable, renders an increase of the Silver bullion fund of the San Francisco Mint necessary, and I therefore recommend that the Superintendent of that Mint be authorized to purchase at the lowest market rate fine silver bars to the amount of Five hundred thousand dollars, and pay for the same out of the gold bullion fund.

With the addition to the Silver bullion fund now asked for, the Coinage of the Trade Dollars can be more economically conducted than when running on a smaller fund, and the demand for that coin met.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Dec. 14th 1874.

Sir:

In reply to the enquiry contained in your letter of the 12th inst. I have to inform you that the sum of $121.47 has been charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1875, on account of bill of Mr. Allard for a segment collar.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Dec. 14th 1874.

Sir:

I have to inform you that I have this day transmitted to the First Auditor, for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of November 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Dec. 14th 1874.

Sir:

I have this day transmitted to the First Auditor for adjustment your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon — Dec. 14th 1874.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the month of November, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, — Dec. 14th 1874.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of November, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon — Dec. 14th 1874.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for settlement the account of Ordinary Expenses of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, for the month of November, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 15th. 1874.

Sir:

On examination of your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November 1874 it is found that you have paid from the appropriation for salaries the sum of three hundred dollars to Mr. O. Greenhood for labor performed from July 24 to October 24th. 1874.

From an examination of the Pay Rolls of your Mint and the records of this office, Mr. Greenhood is regularly employed therein as "Voucher Clerk" at a compensation of $2,000. per annum, therefore the above mentioned payment is illegal and cannot be allowed in the adjustment of your accounts by the accounting officers of the Department.

For your guidance in the future you are informed that no extra compensation can be allowed to any employé of the Mint except to Workmen, for labor performed by them in excess of a legal days work.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nevada.

Dec. 15th. 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November 1874 is received.

Also your account for disbursements amounting to $855.88 from the deficiency appropriation of 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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The Honorable
Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State.

Dec. 14th. 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 10th. inst. transmitting a printed copy of the Third Annual Report of the Director of the Imperial Mint at Osaka, Japan.

The Report is herewith returned, as requested in your letter of transmittal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
B. H. Bristow
Secretary.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 15th. 1874.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Bond of Theodore R. Hofer, as Chief Clerk of your institution, executed in the sum of $5,000.00 has been approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, and transmitted to the First Comptroller for file in that office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
1st Comptroller.

Dec. 15th. 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your Office the Official Bond of T. R. Hofer, Esq. Chief Clerk of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Dec. 15th 1874.

Q. Ho. Le Grange, Esq.
Commissioner & Superintendent
Machinery New Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

During my recent visit to San Francisco, my attention was called by you to a bills presented by Messrs. H. J. Booth & Co. for materials furnished and work performed outside of their contract.

The bill referred to was examined by Mr. Orr, aided by a draughtsman, who recommended that certain items be disallowed. I informed you after the examination had been completed that in my opinion it was not competent for you and myself to act definitely on, or direct the payment of the bill, and that the same would have to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, for his action. In forming this opinion, I was governed by the fact that a clause in the contract provided That no allowance should be made to Messrs. Booth & Co. for any alterations from the original plans and specifications, unless made on the written authority of the Superintendent of Construction and Machinery, the late John W. Eckfeldt. The sudden death of Mr. Eckfeldt, deprived us of information necessary to enable us to act intelligently in the premises.

In order that there may be no further delay in the settlement of this claim, it should be remitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, with such information as you may be able to give upon the subject and recommendation which you may think proper to make, and in order that Messrs. Booth & Co. may be fully heard in support of their claim you will furnish them,

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with a certified copy of the report of Mr. Orr, and the draughtsman who aided him in the examination, such explanations, as they may make and arguments in support of their claim will be transmitted by you when you forward their bill.

If after these papers shall have been received by the Secretary, that officer shall decide that the surviving Commissioners, or yourself, as Superintendent of Machinery may properly decide upon the claim of Booth & Co. the papers will be returned to you with such action on my part as may be necessary and proper to enable a just conclusion to be arrived at.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq. Dec. 16th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of December, 1874 has been approved for the sum of $31,164.80 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$2,164.80
Wages of Workmen	1875	22,000.-
Contingent Expenses	1875	7,000.-

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Pope, Cole, & Co. Dec. 16th 1874.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

We have occasion from time to time to order copper to be used in the Sulphuric acid refinery of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nevada. Copper for that purpose need not be so pure as that required for alloying gold and silver coins; will you please inform me as to what would be the difference in price between the two grades of copper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mr. C. A. Waedel Dec. 16th 1874.

Engraving Divn, U. S. Coast Survey Office,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 14th inst. I return herewith the five designs submitted by you for "Relief" and "Life Saving" medals.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. H. J. Booth & Co. Dec. 16th 1874.

San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter addressed by me to O. H. La Grange, Esq. Commissioner and Superintendent Machinery New Mint, San Francisco.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Dec. 16th. 1874.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day.

"You are authorized to increase Silver bullion fund to one million of dollars by purchase of fine bars at lowest market rate."

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury granting my request for authority to purchase fine Silver bars sufficient to increase your Silver bullion fund, to one million dollars, You will transmit to this office a Statement of the amount purchased by you under the authority above given.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Dec. 16th 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of the bill of George B. Newton for six (6) casks Minnesota M.C. Copper, weighing 11.111 lbs furnished, and bill of lading showing shipment of same to your Mint.

The amount of Mr. Newtons account will be paid from the Treasury direct, and the amount charged to the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint at San Francisco, for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Geo. B. Newton, Esq.

Philadelphia.

Dec. 16th. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing in duplicate bill and B/L for copper shipped by you to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco.

Your account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due time a draft will be transmitted you for the amount thereof $3,013.47.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Homer Lee & Co.

#62 Liberty St.

New York.

Dec. 16th. 1874.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst. I have to inform you that it is not contemplated at present to invite designs for the "Metis" medal.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Bluford Wilson, Esq.

Solicitor of the Treasury.

Dec. 16th 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and certificate, the official Bond of Wm. S. Byrne, as Cashier of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Dec. 16th 1874.

You are authorized to increase Silver bullion fund to one million of dollars by purchase of fine bars at lowest market rate.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Machinery &c
San Francisco.

Dec. 17th 1874.

Sir:

The monthly statements of expenditures for materials, &c. made by the Superintendent of Machinery not having been received for the months of August, September, October and November, 1874, I have to request that you cause the same to be prepared and forwarded to this office at the earliest date practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco,

Dec. 17th 1874.

Confusion arises from keeping only one account here and two different accounts at San Francisco.

Statements showing all liabilities on account of both construction and machinery should be sent without delay - Your request for funds referred to Supervising Architect, who has charge of the account. The paving of the yard should not be made. Ground will be required in connection with Refinery.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. H. Laigrange Esq.
Commissioner & Superintendent
Machinery New Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I received a telegram from you today stating that the machinery account was largely indebted to Construction account and that there was no funds in the hands of the Disbursing Agent, belonging to either Machinery or Construction account. The confusion which appears to have arisen in this matter is due to fact that all appropriations of what-ever character on account of the New Mint are carried to an account called, "New Branch Mint at San Francisco" here, while two accounts viz: one of construction and one for Machinery are kept at San Francisco; this explains what you refer to as being due by Machinery to Construction account.

In order to ascertain the exact position of matters it will be necessary for you to furnish a statement of the liabilities coming under the head of Machinery and for the Superintendent of Construction to furnish a similar statement of liabilities on account of construction.

When these statements shall have been received we can readily ascertain whether the appropriation will be sufficient to pay all indebtedness.

While examining this matter in the Supervising Architects Office this morning, I was shown a letter from Mr. McCullough dated November 18th last, submitting a bid for paving the yard around the Mint, and which bid was accepted by the Supervising

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Architect. If this refers to the paving of that portion of the yard which I pointed out to you as likely to be required for refining purposes, I am at a loss to conceive why it was done without conference with the Mint authorities. I await full information upon the subject before taking further action respecting it. I will add however, that I requested you a few days before I left San Francisco to inform Mr. McCullough that we would require the ground, and I understood from you afterwards that he would call upon me, with all the papers referring to the matter, but which he failed to do.

I am now engaged in the preparation of a statement of all expenditures paid here on account of Machinery &c. with a view to have the Machinery and Refinery appropriations separated from those for construction or building.

The Supervising Architect will to-day telegraph or write Mr. McCullough to furnish the statement of liabilities on account of construction, and the extent and cost of any existing paving contracts. As the present session of Congress will terminate on the 4th of March next it is important to ascertain whether any deficiency items will have to be provided for.

The account of "New Branch Mint" appears to have an unexpended balance of about $159,000. exclusive of that for Refinery, which sum will probably be sufficient to cover all liabilities, but it is very important that no further expenses on account of paving the lot should be incurred, at least until after the machinery shall have been completed,

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and I may further add that it is not worth while to do anything with the unoccupied parts of the Mint grounds until the question of a suitable Refinery shall have been acted upon. I propose to bring the matter to the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury at an early day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 17th 1874.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 7th inst. I transmit herewith a copy of the letter of this Office under date of June 20th 1874, to your predecessor in Office relative to compensation for extra labor performed by W. H. Stevens, Melter & Refiner's Assistant, during the last fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 17th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. transmitting Reports of the Assayer, belonging to the Bullion accounts of your Mint for the second quarter 1874 is rec'd.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Dec. 17th 1874.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. B. Mullett, Esq. Dec. 17th 1874.
Supervising Architect
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, and for such action as you may deem proper, a copy of a telegram this day received from O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Superintendent of Machinery of the San Francisco mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Dec. 18th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to so much of your letter of the 17th inst. as relates to the immediate purchase of one ton of copper, to be used in the minor coinage, I have to say that your proposition to purchase the same in open market is approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Dec. 18th 1874.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. relative to the disallowances made by the accounting officers in the adjustment of your account of certain expenditures made by you under the head of Contingent Expenses for articles other than those specified in the law making the appropriations for the Mint at New Orleans, I have to say that there is no other alternative than to comply strictly with the law.

I cannot authorize you to go on and make purchases of such other articles as you deem necessary other than those provided for in the appropriation bills, relying upon Congress to reimburse you hereafter, as that would in itself be creating a deficiency knowingly, in express violation of law, and should such purchases be made by you, they must be be made on your individual responsibility.

I shall however, take great pleasure in asking the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, of an amendment to the deficiency bill, authorizing the application of so much of the amount appropriated for fuel, lights, chemicals and crucibles, as may be necessary for the payment of other incidental expenses of the Mint at New Orleans for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dec. 18th 1874.

Gl. He. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. (marked personal) asking to be relieved of the disallowances which the accounting Officers made at the instance of this Office, in the adjustment of your account of Ordinary Expenses for the third quarter 1874, you are informed that the accounts having passed beyond the control of this Office, that it is necessary for you to submit to this Office officially your reasons for the employment of Mr. Washburne, (the appointment of Mr. Moore having been approved) and that in order to have the disallowance in the Garrett vouchers admitted to your credit, you will furnish an explanation relative to the division of the original voucher accompanied by the Statements of the Coiner, and Mr. Garrett.

When these statements are received, they will be referred to the accounting Officers with such recommendation as may be necessary in the premises.

Very respectfully
Gl. R. Linderman
Director.

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John Heitz, Esq.

Dec. 18th 1874.

Consul General of Switzerland
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst. requesting to be furnished with one of the silver and one of the bronze medals, struck in honor of the late Professor Agassiz for the collection at Berne, I have the honor to enclose herewith the two copies as desired and to inform you that the actual cost of the same is $3.15 payable in currency.

I am, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

Dec. 18th 1874.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenses of the Supt. of the U.S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the month of November, 1874, and the accounts of his disbursements under the Deficiency Appropriations for 1874-75, together with abstracts and vouchers.

Your attention is respectfully called to Voucher No. 4, for the month of November, being for the sum of $300.00 on account of extra work performed by Mr. O. Greenhood, voucher clerk.

The salary of this clerk being fixed by law at $2,000.00 per annum, the same should be disallowed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 18th 1874.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this office if the amounts belonging to the Ordinary Expenses fund, for the fiscal years ending June 30th 1874, & June 30th 1873, transferred to you by your predecessor in office, have been deposited as required by my letters under date of Sept. 22d and October 8th, 1874.

The accounts of Mr. Hetrick cannot be closed on the books of the Dept., nor the exact balance due from him on the above named accounts, certified by the Accounting Officers, until the requirements of the Department, as indicated in my letters referred to, are complied with.

The deposits need not be made by Mr. Hetrick in person, but simply in his name.

You are also requested to state the reasons for the delay in the rendition and transmission of the bullion accounts for the fractional part of the third quarter Mr. Hetrick was in office.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 18th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 7th inst. submitting for approval the appointment of Mrs. Kate Harlan, as Adjuster in the Coiners Dept. of your Mint.

The recommendation of the Coiner accompanying the same does not seem to come within the requirements of the law.

He states that he recommends the appointment in compliance with your request, while the law contemplates both a recommendation and nomination.

I return herewith the Coiner's recommendation, and action on the case is suspended until the Coiner shall submit a nomination of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 18th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express of the two copies of the Agassiz Medal, as advised by your letter of the 17th inst. and to request that you forward to me one more copy in silver, at cost of manufacture, which I desire to present to the Hon. Samuel Hooper, who kindly furnished the photograph of the late Prof. Agassiz.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 19th 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses under the Deficiency Appropriations - 1874-75 - and for the month of November 1874 have been referred to the First Auditor for settlement.

The attention of the Auditor has been called to Voucher No. 4 of your account for November, being for the sum of $300.00 paid to Mr. O. Greenhood Voucher Clerk, for extra labor, and the same will be disallowed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 19th 1874.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Bond of Wm. S. Byrne, Cashier of your Mint, has been approved by the Director of the Mint, and the Secretary of the Treasury, and transmitted to the First Comptroller for file in that office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. J. Crowles, Esq.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C.

Dec. 19th 1874.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November 1874, is received.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. C. W. Freemantle, Dec. 19th 1874.

Depy Master Royal Mint,
London, England.

My dear Freemantle.

Your kind favor of the 4th inst. covering statements of details respecting the price of silver bullion in London for the twelve months ending 30th ult. came to hand this morning, and in ample time for the required purpose.

I know not when I shall be able to repay you in kind for the trouble you take to furnish me with information on various points connected with coinage and the precious metals.

In reply to your inquiry respecting the charge for coining the trade dollar, you will observe that by the 25th section of our Coinage act the charge is to be fixed so as to equal the cost, &c. When the charge of ½ cent a piece was fixed we had an efficient organization at all three of our coinage mints, and which was more than sufficient for the ordinary gold, subsidiary silver, and minor or token coinage.

It being desirable to keep together our force of skilled workmen, we ruled that so far as labor was concerned, that trade dollars could be coined, at least for a time, without actually increasing the expenses of the Mints for wages of workmen. Substantially, therefore, the item of wages was eliminated from the estimates of the cost.

When the time comes for our Mints to be employed in the manufacture of subsidiary silver for circulation in this country, the charge for coining the trade dollar will be fixed according to actual cost.

It is quite probable that the withdrawal of

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fractional currency in this country, and the substitution of subsidiary coins in their place, will be commenced at an early day.

You are no doubt aware that we are producers of a large amount of silver bullion containing on an average about forty percent of gold, and that it is to our interest to have such bullion parted at home.

In order to make this certain, we must have a home market for silver. I was governed by that idea chiefly in projecting the trade dollar.

As a matter of general information, I may mention the fact that recent developements on the Comstock Lode, in Nevada, surpass all previous discoveries on that wonderful Lode.

Competent judges estimate the production from that Lode alone, of forty millions per annum, for two or three years from the 1st of April next. The bullion from the source mentioned will average about forty per cent gold. I may add further, that the important developments referred to will probably carry our total production of the precious metals up to ninety millions per annum.

I am puzzled to know what is to be the result of Germany's coinage operations. Matters as between gold and silver are certainly very much mixed in that direction. I shall be obliged to you for any printed documents on the subject which may come under your observation.

I send you herewith a photograph, and shall be much obliged for one of yourself. I should also be pleased to receive one of Mr. Robert's photographs.

Thanking you again for all your kindness, I remain, with sincere regard,

Very truly Yours

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

Dec. 19th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday in reference to troy weights, and have sent the list to Mr. Linderman, with the request that he will inform you of the price at which he will undertake to furnish you with the required weights.

The weights when procured from any source, will have to be sent to Philadelphia Mint, in order that they may be compared with the standard troy pound of the mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

Dec. 19th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 18th inst. I transmit herewith the Bill of Lading for 149 bbls. sweeps from San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Pollock, Esq.

Dec. 19th 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Mr. Henry Troemner,

710 Market St.

Philadelphia.

Dec. 19th 1874.

Sir:

I send you herewith a letter from the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York.

Please inform Mr. Acton of the price at which you will undertake to furnish the troy weights embraced in the list accompanying this letter, and return the letter and list to this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadelª

Dec. 19th 1874.

Sir:

Inquiries are made here for pattern twenty cent pieces. Will you please inform me whether such pieces are, or have been for sale under the medal regulations?

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,

1st Comptroller.

Dec. 19th 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your office, the Official Bond of Wm. S. Byrne, as Cashier, of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mr. Jules Marcou — Dec. 19th 1874.

Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. I have to inform you that the lead impression of the medal referred to has not yet been presented to this office. I prefer seeing the same before answering definitely your inquiry.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

G. H. Ladyranger Esq. — Dec. 21st 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir.

From an examination of your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November, 1874, it appears that Frank D. Hetrich has been paid as a workman in the Assayer's Dept. of your Mint the sum of $104.00 being for thirteen days service at $8.00 per diem.

The name of Mr. Hetrich not appearing upon the Official Register of this Office, it will be necessary to hold your accounts until his appointments shall be submitted and approved in conformity with the law.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 21st. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the sum of three dollars and twenty-five cents ($3.25) in payment of the bill for one bronze Seward-Robinson medal, and case for the same, forwarded to Miss. Margaret Coleman, Washington, D.C. at my request.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S. Philas.

Dec. 21st. 1874.

Sir:

With your Ordinary Expenses Account for the month of November 1874 there is a voucher in favor of Jos. Oats & Sons, for bar copper, weighing in the aggregate 934 @ 32 cts. per pound, which appears to have been purchased for the Coiner's Dept. I will thank you to inform me what this copper was to be used for.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S. Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 21st. 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a letter received at this office, from your predecessor in office, in relation to his bullion Accounts for the fractional part of the 3d. quarter, 1874. It is very desirable to have the accounts of Mr. Hetrich, transmitted at an early day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Jno. Sherman,

Dec. 22. 1874.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the enclosed slips, permit me to invite your attention to the fact that the section could hardly be construed to authorize or require the redemption of the 15 cent note. The redemption appears to be confined to denominations corresponding with those of the silver coin, 10, 25 & 50 cent pieces. If after the words denominations on line 8, the words "and of the denomination of fifteen cents" were interlined, it would make the matter clear.

The words "standard value" on the sixth line I infer means silver coins of the fineness and weight as prescribed in the Coinage Act of 1873. If I am correct in assuming this as the meaning of the words referred to, it is all right.

Possibly I am too particular about these points but it will do no harm to look into the points presented.

Your ob't Servant,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Morton Christensen, Esq.

#757, First Avenue, 1st. floor,

New York City.

Dec. 22nd. 1874

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st. inst. and in reply have to inform you that I have this day sent to your address per Adams Express Co. the designs forwarded by you for the Life-Saving Medal.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dec. 22nd. 1874.

Sir:

I suppose that the dies for the Ten Dollar International coin proposed by Mr. Bickford, of New York, have been finished. If so, I should be furnished with one or two specimens, in order that I may inform myself of the merits of the same; and also that the specimens may be preserved in the Cabinet of this Office.

Hereafter you will, in the case of all new dies, please send me an impression in soft metal before striking or issuing specimens.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 22. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing bill in duplicate of Messrs E. Morwitz & Co. for advertising proposals for minor coinage metals in May last, is received.

The bill has been approved by this Office and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, and the amount $5.30 directed to be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint at Philadelphia for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Maximilian H. Bonzano, Esq. Dec. 22nd. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans. La.

Sir:

I have to inform you that your commission as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans has been received at this Office.

I enclose herewith blank Bond, which you will execute in the sum of $10.000.00 & forward to this Office, at your earliest convenience upon receipt of which your commission will be sent you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. Dec. 22d. 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U. S. Carson City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th. inst. transmitting Summary Statements belonging to Bullion Accounts of your Mint for the quarter ending June 30, 1874, as requested by this Office under date of the 5th. inst. is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Dec. 22d. 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

In transmitting your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November, 1874, on the 17th. inst. you neglected to enclose your "Account Current."

You will please forward the same at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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M. V. Davis, Esq.

Dec. 23d. 1874.

Computer of Bullion
Office Director of the Mint.

Sir:

I have to request that you will visit the mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, and confer with the Superintendent and Operative officers, and determine the quantity of Silver Coins of the various denominations that can be manufactured per month, running with the present force employed, and appropriating for the purpose, such portion of the furnaces and room as heretofore used for the preparation of Minor Coin ingots.

In making this estimate you may assume that the principal deposits are to be of fine bars and foreign silver coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Chas. Hammond, Esq.

Dec. 23d. 1874.

Bank of Hammond & Pound,
Tipton, Iowa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 19th inst. enclosing draft for $100.00 on the Ninth National Bank of New York, and have referred the same properly endorsed together with a copy of your letter to the Hon. James Pollock, Supt. U. S. Mint at Phila. Pa.

I am sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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X Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow Dec. 23d. 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The first section of the Act of March 3d. 1873, requires that the value of foreign coins as expressed in the money of account of the United States shall be that of the pure metal of such coins of standard value, and that the values of the standard coins in circulation of the various nations of the world, shall be estimated annually by the Director of the Mint, and be proclaimed on the first day of January by the Secretary of the Treasy.

My Estimate of values as required under the above stated provisions of law, will be found in the annexed tabular statements.

Gold.

Countries of the Gold Standard, or double standard of Gold and Silver in fixed proportions. Values of the monetary units as expressed in the money of account of the United States. Denominations of Standard coin.

Country.	Monetary Units	Standard	Value in U.S. Money of Account	Principal Standard Coins.
Argentine Republic	Peso Fuerte	Gold	$1.00	None.
Belgium	Franc	Gold and Silver	.19.3	5, 10, and 20 francs.
Brazil	Milreis of 1000 Reis	Gold	.54.5	None.
British Possessions in North America	Dollar	Gold	1.00	
Bolivia	Dollar	Gold and Silver	.96.5	Escudo, Half Boliviano & Boliviano
Bogota	Peso	Gold	.96.5	
Chili	Peso	Gold	.91.2	Condor, Doubloon & Escudo.
Cuba	Peso	Gold	.92.5	
Denmark	Crown	Gold	.26.8	10 Crowns & 20 Crowns.
Egypt	Pound of 100 Piasters	Gold	4.97.4	5, 10, 25 and 50 piasters
France.	Franc	Gold	.19.3	5, 10, and 20 francs
Great Britain	Pound Sterling	Gold	4.86.6	Half Sovereign & Sovereign
Greece.	Drachma	Gold and Silver	.19.3	5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 Drachmas
German Empire	Mark	Gold	.23.8	5, 10, and 20 marks.
Italy.	Lira	Gold and Silver	.19.3	5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 Lire

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Country.	Monetary Units.	Standard.	Value in U.S. Money of account.	Principal Standard Coins.
Japan	Yen.	Gold.	.99.7	1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 yen.
Liberia	Dollar.	Gold.	1.00	
Norway.	Crown.	Gold.	.26.8	10 and 20 Crowns
Paraguay	Peso	Gold.	1.00	
Porto Rico	Peso	Gold.	.92,5	
Portugal	Mitreis of 1000 reis	Gold	1.08.4	2, 5, and 10 mitreis
Sandwich Islands	Dollar	Gold.	1.00	
Spain	Peseta	Gold and Silver	.19.3	5, 10, 20, 50 & 100 Pesetas.
Sweden	Crown.	Gold	.26.8	10 Crowns & 20 Crowns.
Switzerland	Franc.	Gold and Silver	.19.3	5, 10, & 20 francs.
Turkey.	Piaster	Gold	.04.3	25, 50, 100, 250, & 500 piasters.
Uruguay	Patacon	Gold	.94.9	

Silver

Countries of the Silver Standard, and values of the Monetary Units, as expressed in the Money of the United States.

Country.	Monetary Units.	Value in U.S. Money.	Principal Standard Coins.
Austria	Florin.	$0.45.3	Florin.
Central America	Dollar.	.91.8	Dollar
Ecuador	Dollar	.91.8	Dollar
Hayti	Dollar	.95.2	
India	Rupee of 16 annas	.43.6	
Mexico	Dollar	.99.8	5, 10, 25, and 50 Centavo
Netherlands	Florin	.38.5	Half Florin, Florin & 2½ Florin
Peru	Peso	.91.8	
Russia	Rouble of 100 Copecks	.73.4	¼, ½ and 1 Rouble.
Tripoli	Mahbub of 20 Piasters	.82.9	
Tunis	Piasters of 16 Carubs	.11.8	
United States of Columbia	Peso.	.91.8	

China is not included in the estimate, there being no coinage of either gold or silver in that Empire.

Silver however, is the measure or standard of value, and which passes by weight.

The Tael is the unit of the money of account.

There is an Imperial Tael, and also various local or Commercial Taels; the following list of which has been prepared from information received from the U. S. Legations in China.

In the Port of Ningpo, there are three kinds of Taels in use, viz:

The Haikwan or Customs Tael
The Shanghae or Exchange Tael.
The Ningpo or Commercial Tael.

100 Haikwan Taels	=	151 87/100 Mexican Dollars.
1 " "	=	$1.51 1/2 in Trade Dollars.
100 Ningpo Taels	=	143 1/2 Mexican Dollars.
1 " "	=	$1.43 2/10 in Trade Dollars.
100 Shanghae Taels	=	136 Mexican Dollars.
1 " "	=	$1.35 7/10 in Trade Dollars.

In the Port of Foochow, there are five Taels, all varying in weight and value, viz:

Hooping Tael	$1.37 8/10 in Trade Dollars.
Foochow Tael	$1.34 8/10 " " "
Haikwan Tael	$1.39 1/2 " " "
Canton Tael	$1.39 4/10 " " "
Shanghae Tael	$1.38 1/2 " " "

It will be seen from the foregoing that while the Haikwan Tael is worth in Ningpo $1.51 1/2, in Foochow it is only worth $1.39 1/2, a discount of nearly 8 per cent, while the value of the Shanghae Tael increases in Foochow nearly 2 per cent.

In the port of Shanghae, there are two Taels in common use, viz: the Shanghae and Haikwan. The Consul at that Port states, that an assay of Trade Dollars made Sept. 27th. 1873, determined the weight of 100 to be 72 68/100 Taels, which would make the value of the Tael $1.52 8/10 in Trade Dollars.

The Consul at Canton, writes that "between themselves, the Chinese buy and sell in Taels, and

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the value of the Tael varies according to the agreement between the parties."

From information obtained from Swatow, prepared by the Customs banker and linguist, there are five kinds of commercial tael, viz. Chih ping, Gang ping, Kuin ping, Shan ping, and Yu ping.

"Chih-ping is the Commercial Tael.

"Gang ping, Kuin ping and Shan ping are used by "foreign hongs.

"Yu ping by opium dealers.

"The Haikwan Tael is taken by the Customs as "the Standard weight, and all duties and dues are "paid in "Haikwan" Taels of pure silver.

"100 Taels of Haikwan Sycee are equal to 110 Taels "weight of Mexican Dollars, Estimated at 7 mace "2 candareen each.

"$152.78 are equal to 100 Taels.

"The Haikwan tael is also called Kuping or Treasury scale."

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Dec. 23d. 1874.

J. C. Weston, Esq.

Clinton National Bank

Clinton, Iowa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. and have to request that you will inform me at what value you hold and would be willing to sell one 4 and one 5 Ducat piece mentioned therein.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the fact that the prices paid by you for Stationery and printing blanks &c. are from 100 to 200 per cent higher than the same can be furnished by the Treasury Dept.

Your bills also show that a considerable amount of what would be termed here as "fancy stationery" is purchased, such as is not purchased or allowed by the Department to Customs, Internal Revenue, and other offices of the Government.

You will in the future confine your purchases of Stationery to such articles only as are necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dec. 23d. 1874.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

You will deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, without further delay the sum of two thousand four hundred and seventy five 88/100 dollars, in gold coin, the same being the proceeds of the Flux and Sweeps, bars accruing at your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1874, and not properly accounted for by you in either your bullion accounts for the second or third quarters, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Dec. 23d. 1874.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to regulation on Page 16 of Mint Regulations relative to the disposition of Moneys arising from charges &c.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Dec. 23d. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft for $100.00 on the Ninth National Bank of New York, endorsed to your order, together with a copy of the letter enclosing the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Dec. 24th. 1874.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The enclosed voucher of Jas. B. Pollock, for travelling expenses, is returned in order that the same may be verified by affidavit and Hotel bills furnished as required by the Circular of the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of August 1st. 1874, "relative to allowances for travelling expenses."

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co. Dec. 24th 1874.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

You are requested to ship by rail to James Crawford, care D. W. Earl, Sacramento, Cal. five tons of Ingot copper, similar to that shipped by you some days since to the Mint at San Francisco.

The copper now required is for the use of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nevada, (and is to be used in alloying gold and silver coin,) and in the name of which you will render your bill in duplicate to this Office.

You will please contract for freight at through rates, procure Bills of Lading in duplicate, and transmit the same with your account to this Office. We are compelled to adopt the mode of shipment, above requested in order to avoid the imposition practiced by the Union and Central Pacific R. R. in charging and collecting local rates on Nevada freights not withstanding their Eastern connections issue B/L for through rates.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams. Pope, Cole & Co. Dec. 24th 1874.

Baltimore, Md.

Will take five tons and send instructions where to ship it by todays mail.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. &c.

Dec. 24th. 1874

Sir:

I have yours of the 23d. inst. enclosing three specimens in copper of a proposed International coin. While I am not prepared to entertain that or any other International coin heretofore proposed, I think the specimen a very fair one.

My purpose in authorizing the preparation of Dies & Striking of Specimens was simply to gratify Mr. Bickford, and a sentiment prevailing in various quarters in favor of International Coinage.

I will thank you to forward a specimen, in copper, to Mr. Bickford, and inform him that you do so per my instruction. With that action we will consider the matter disposed of so far as we are concerned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 24th. 1874

Sir:

In reply to the enquiry contained in your letter of the 23d. inst. relative to the payments for copper purchased for the Medal Dept. you are informed that purchasers of every character made for the Medal Dept. must be paid for from the Medal fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Dec.r 24th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d inst. in reply to that of this office under date of the 21st inst. relative to bar copper purchased by you of Messrs. Jos. Oats & Sons, is received.

The object of the letter of this office was to ascertain what the copper was to be used for, and if it was properly chargeable in your account of Ordinary Expenses as an expense attending the Minor Coinage.

From your letter it appears that it was purchased for the manufacture of Centennial medals, - it is not therefore a proper charge, and will be disallowed in the adjustment of your Ordinary Expense Account.

The amount paid for the copper in question should be debited by you in your Medal account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S. Phila.

Dec. 24th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d inst. enclosing in duplicate bill of R. A. McClure for specimen coins purchased for the Cabinet of the Mint, is received.

The account of Mr. McClure has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted for the amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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James Crawford, Esqr.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec.r 24th 1874.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 10th inst. approving your Requisition for funds for December, I have to inform you that in consequence of the request contained in your letter of the 14th inst., that ten tons of copper be purchased for the use of your institution, it was found necessary to reduce the amount of your requisition for Contingent Expenses, from $11,136.36 to $8,736.36, being a reduction of $2400.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

We send but five tons of copper. Will try to get your appropriations all in shape next month.
H. R. L.

Telegram. James Crawford,

Dec. 24th 1874.

Supt. Mint, Carson, Nev.

What amount of silver can you part per month, and what amount of Dimes, Quarters, and Halves can you coin per month in addition to ordinary Gold and Trade Dollar Coinage running full force - When will new coining machinery be put up and ready for use.

Reply by mail immediately.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram. Pope, Cole & Co.

Dec. 24th 1874.

57 South Gay St. Baltimore, Md.

What is price of Ingot Copper?

H. R. Linderman, Director Mint.

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Telegram

Superintendent Mint.

San Francisco.

Dec. 24th 1874.

What amount of Dimes, Quarters and Halves, in equal proportions can you coin per month in addition to Ordinary Gold and Trade Dollar Coinage running full force - What amount of fine silver bars and mexican and other silver coin and bullion not requiring parting can you rely on - Confer with Garnett and reply immediately by mail, also obtain best rates of Express Co. for transportation to Chicago, St. Louis & Cincinnati.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

S. D. Morgan, Esq.

No. 16, North Scammon, St.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dec. 24th 1874.

Sir;

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. and agreeable to the request therein contained, take pleasure in sending you by this days mail a copy of my Annual Report.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

O. H. LaGrange,

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

Dec. 26th 1874.

If you require Deficiency appropriation for current fiscal year send in Estimate and letter giving reasons for same immediately.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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A. Van Oleef, Esq. Dec. 26th 1874.

Care - Messrs. H. Ironsbridge's Sons.
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 7th inst. making inquiry relative to the designs submitted for the Metis medal.

In answer I enclose a letter addressed to you at Little Rock Ark. on the 11th inst. and which was returned to this office a few days since.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mrs. A. E. Culbertson Dec. 26th 1874.

Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to express my deep regret at being unable to offer any encouragement that your services will be required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Bluford Wilson, Esq. Dec. 28th 1874

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your examination and certification the Official Bond of R. P. Andrews, Assistant Calculator and Warrant Clerk, U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Dec. 26th 1874.

A. H. Shalgrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The occupation of the new Mint building should enable us to obtain supplies and make repairs on more advantageous terms than was practicable in the old and contracted mint. There being ample space in the new building for the storage of supplies and materials, an opportunity is afforded to purchase supplies in quantities and of course on more favorable terms for the Government than when obtained at retail prices. Both stationery and printing appear to be much higher in San Francisco than at the Treasury Departments, and unless they can be obtained on more favorable terms, in future we shall have to consider the propriety of furnishing them from here.

I have to request that you will carefully consider the subject of obtaining supplies, and give me your views as to having the principal articles furnished by contract, and the invitation of bids therefor.

It is my request that all work pertaining to repairs, and the manufacture of the various implements, shall be done in the machine shop of the Mint by our own workmen, and that similar work and implements for the Carson Mint be also made at your Mint; and I will thank you to advise Superintendent Crawford accordingly.

As soon as we get the appropriations in proper shape, we shall take advantage of a favorable market, and ship to you a

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supply of copper for both mints.

The space of the old mint having been so contracted as to scarcely admit of a division of the work of the different departments, I am well aware that it has not been possible to observe all of the minor regulations for the transaction of business, — to say nothing of the inadequate appropriations, and embarrassments arising therefrom. I trust now, that you have got fairly fixed at the new Mint, that the entire business will be conducted in strict conformity to the general regulations, and I feel assured of a cheerful compliance on the part of yourself and associate officers.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

Dec. 26th 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting certificate of deposit for $3.020.21/100 gold coin, being the proceeds of sale of old material, is received.

You are requested to forward without delay a schedule of the property sold.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

* Required by Treasury Regulations.
H. R. L.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 28th 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Consul General of Switzerland making inquiries relative to a Medal supposed to have been struck at the Mint in honor of the late F. R. Hassler, formerly Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Survey.

I will thank you to send the information desired to this office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 28th 1874.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for fractional part of the third quarter commencing Sept. 9th and ending Sept. 20th 1874 are received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Frank D. Hetrich, Esq.
late Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nevada.

Dec. 28th 1874.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for fractional part of the third quarter ending September 8th 1874, are received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

Dec. 29th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to obtain if possible and forward to this office, on the blank forms now used, the daily quotations of Gold and Silver bullion, Trade Dollars, Subsidiary Silver, Sterling Exchange &c, from the 2d to the 17th of January 1874, inclusive.

It is proposed to have the quotations for the year bound at the Printing Office, and the dates referred to are required to make the book complete.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Dec. 29th 1874.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing voucher properly signed and letter of explanation of suspended items in your account of Ordinary expenses for the Third quarter 1874, addressed to the First Comptroller of the Treasury, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — Dec. 29th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please have the kindness to send me Two Trade Dollars, with bill for the same in currency.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Frank D. Hetrick, Esq. — Dec. 29th 1874.

late Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. enclosing vouchers for travelling expenses incurred by you, properly verified by affidavit, is received.

Very respectfully,
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. — Dec. 30th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have this day transmitted to the 1st Auditor for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for November, 1874.

I enclose herewith a blank form which you will please use as a guide in rendering your a/c current.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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John Fitz, Esq.
Consul General of Switzerland
Washington, D.C.

Dec. 30th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d inst. making inquiries relative to a medal supposed to have been struck at the Mint in Philadelphia, in honor of the late F. R. Hassler, a native of Switzerland, and formerly of the U. S. Coast Survey as Superintendent.

A copy of your inquiry was addressed to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, and from his reply, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, it will be seen that no medal in honor of Mr. Hassler was ever struck at that Institution.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor

Dec. 30th 1874.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses Account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the month of November, 1874.

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Messrs. Pope, Coles & Co. Decr. 31st. 1874.

Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 30th inst. enclosing duplicate bills and Bills of Lading for ten casks Baltimore Ingot Copper, shipped to James Crawford care D. W. Earl, Sacramento, Cal. for the use of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nevada, as per instructions of this office under date of the 24th inst. is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

I have approved the award made to you by the Superintendent for furnishing the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, with twenty thousand pounds (20,000 ℔) Ingot Copper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock Dec. 31st. 1874.

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose copy of dispatch received from Supt. LaGrange from which it would appear that the arrow-head has been omitted from the dies for the Subsidiary Silver for 1875.

Will you please explain by return mail.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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James Crawford, Esqr.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 31st 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find a copy of the bills of Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co. and Bills of Lading for shipment of Ten Casks (5 tons) Ingot Copper to you, care of D. W. Earl, Sacramento, Cal.

Your requisition was for ten (10) tons, but owing to the fact that the condition of your Contingent Fund would not in my opinion justify the purchase of so large a quantity at this time, I reduced it to five tons, and as soon as the deficiency appropriations are made, five tons more will be shipped you.

The bills of Messrs. Pope Cole & Co. amounting to $2,337.50 will be paid here and charged to your appropriation for Contingent Expenses.

Your requisition called for M. M. Co. copper, but the Baltimore Copper refined by Pope, Cole & Co. having been carefully tested and found to be fully equal to that of the M. M. Co. and being much cheaper and the supply more certain, its use has been decided upon.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Dec. 31st 1874.

Will try to have funds sent you by wire, by fourth proximo. Send without delay detailed statement of all liabilities on account of fitting up mint.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Dec. 31st. 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. relative to the payment to Mr. O. Greenhood for extra labor the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) I have to say that at the time I gave my consent to the payment, I was not aware that Mr. Greenhood was employed as a salaried clerk in your Mint, but was under the impression that he was paid on the Rolls of workmen, a per diem compensation, in which case he would have been entitled to pay for overtime made by him.

The law positively forbids the payment to any salaried officer or clerk for extra services performed by them, therefore the amount paid by you to Mr. Greenhood must be disallowed in the adjustment of your accounts.

I know of no fund out of which Mr. Greenhood can receive payment for extra services performed by him; My own Clerks are compelled to perform a great deal of extra labor, without compensation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

I would gladly allow the amount if I could but the law positively prohibits it.

Possibly we may do something during the present session to increase salaries, but your Senators should be here to help.

H. R. L.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 31st 1874

Sir:

I return herewith the original proposals for supplying your Mint with 20,000 lbs. copper, 1.000 lbs. Zinc and 1000 lbs. tin, transmitted by you to this Office on the the 26th inst.

The awards made by you to Messrs. Pope, Cole, & Co. for furnishing copper at 23 3/8 per pound to R. J. Dingeray, Zinc at 10¢ per pound, and to N. Trotter & Co. Tin at 25¢ per pound, are hereby approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wm. H. Stevens, Esq.

Dec. 31st 1874.

M. & R. Assistant Mint U.S.
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. requesting me to authorize the Superintendent to pay you for six days overtime made under the Superintendency of Mr. Hetrich, you are informed that no allowance will be made any employé of the Mint for overtime except upon the approval of the Superintendent through whom your application must be made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. Dec. 31st 1874.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I will thank you to deliver the enclosed letter (unsealed) to Mr. W. H. Stevens, Melter & Refiners Assistant of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. Dec. 31st 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Bullion Receipt No. 995 properly endorsed, and Bullion Certificates Nos. 289, 298 and 1211, duly receipted, enclosed in your communication of the 23d inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor Dec. 31st 1874.
First Comptroller.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your Office the Official Bond of Robt. P. Andrews, Assistant Calculating & Warrant Clerk, at the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Dec. 31st. 1874.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver. Col.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Bond of Robert P. Andrews as Asst. Calculator and Warrant Clerk has been approved and transmitted to the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury for files in that office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Gen. O. H. LaGrange

Jany 2d. 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Enclosed please find 30 blanks forms to be used hereafter by the Melter and Refiner of your Mint, in presenting to this office the monthly operations of his Department.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint U. S.

Jany 2d. 1875.

San Francisco.

State approximately total amount of liabilities on account of machinery. Answer by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq.

Janry 2nd 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd ult. I have to say that I do not understand that the action of the House was based upon any alleged extravagant expenditure at your office, but that the Committee on Appropriations decided from the small amount of bullion brought to the office it was inexpedient to longer continue it in operation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The appropriation will probably be restored in the Senate. H. R. L.

Messrs. S. S. Thompson & Co.

Janry 2d 1875.

#3 South Front St.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

In reply to the request contained in your note of the 30th ult. I have to say that I do not think the information could be obtained anywhere.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.

Janry 2d 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir: Your letter of the 31st ult. enclosing statements of your Bullion Fund on that date, is received.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 2d. 1875.

Sir:

Accompanying this please find 30 blank forms to be used by the Melter & Refiner of your Mint in presenting to this office the monthly operations of this Department.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Jany 2d. 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint for the month of January 1875, has been approved for the sum of $18,200.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$3,200.00
Wages of Workmen	1875	15,000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 2d. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult. enclosing certificate of deposit for $500. Profits on Medals manufactured, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 2d. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st. ult. enclosing Statement of Minor Coinage operations during the month of December 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 2d. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st. ult. enclosing certificate of Deposit for $20,69/- Cash received for adjusting Weights and sale of old rags &c. is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

Jany 2d. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenses of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the month of October, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jany 2d. 1875.

O. H. Irwin Granger, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day transmitted to the 1st. Auditor for adjustment your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of October, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jany 2d. 1875.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st. ult. enclosing certificate of Deposit for $4,793.17/100 Proceeds of Sales of Blue Vitriol and Sulphuric Liquor, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jany 4th. 1875.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d. inst. enclosing bids for San Francisco Sweeps, is received.

You are hereby authorized to accept the bid of Messrs. R. Livingman & Sons, for the entire lot.

The bids are returned herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City. Nev.

Janry 2d. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 31st. ult. relative to the Coining Press recently shipped your mint by Messrs. Morgan & Orr, and the amount paid them for that and other Machinery, you are informed that under date of June 22d. 1874, your predecessor in Office, submitted the following list of New Machinery required by the Mint at Carson City:

1 Coining Press for Quarters & Halves
1 Lathe – 16 inches swing 12 feet between centres and cross feed.
1 Shaping Machine, vice & centre 1 foot stroke.
1 Grinding Machine.
1 Hydraulic Press.
1 Set Finishing Rolls – Steel Rolls
1 Small Drill Press.
1 Set Patent Twist Drills with Chucks & Emery wheels.
1 Sturtevant's Blacksmith's Blower.

Upon the receipt of the letter of Mr. Hetrich requesting the Machinery above enumerated an agreement was entered into with Messrs. Morgan & Orr, to furnish the same at a cost of $21.925.

Sometime after the Machinery called for by Mr. Hetrich, had been contracted for, I learn that he had ordered of Morgan & Orr, without advising or consulting this office, a Draw-bench and Cutting Press at a cost of $3.500. After a careful inquiry I approved the account of Messrs. Morgan & Orr for these two additional articles, satisfied that they manufactured the same in good faith.

In regard to the Coining Press you are

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informed that having contracted in good faith with Morgan & Orr for a Press of the character furnished by them, there was no alternative but to comply with the contract, and that in my opinion it will be found of great service to your Mint in coining Subsidiary Silver Coins which you will be required to do in case of the passage by the House of Representatives (of which little doubt is entertained) of the Finance Bill recently passed by the Senate.

In conclusion I have to request that you will submit without delay an estimate of the amount required to pay <u>all liabilities</u> of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State

Jany 2nd 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. enclosing copy of dispatch No. 41 of the 16th ult. from the Consul General of the U. S. at Berlin, stating that from and after January 1st 1875, the Mark will be the standard Currency in all the States of the German Empire, except the Kingdoms of Bavaria and Wurtemburg, and asking whether it will not be necessary after that date to require all invoices of goods exported to the United States from the German States, other than the two Kingdoms mentioned, and presented for verification to the various Consuls of the United States to be made out in Mark.

It will be necessary that all invoices of

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goods exported to the United States, from the States composing the German Empire, except Bavaria and Wurtemburg, be stated or made out in mark, and I respectfully request that you send by cable the following instructions to the Consul General:

"Require all invoices to be made out in mark and not in Thalers, or other silver money."

The letter of the Consul General and enclosure, is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obd't Servant

B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Jany 4th 1875.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office

Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January 1875, has been approved for the sum of $409.20 from the following Appropriations:

Salaries, 1875 - - - - - - - - - - - - $284.20

Contingent Expenses, 1875 - - - - - - - 125.00

Very respectfully.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, Jan. 4th 1875

San Francisco.

Are the dies sent you for Subsidiary Coinage?

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Jany 4th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the Official Oath of Mrs. Kate Harlan, whose appointment as Adjuster in your Mint was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Jany 4th 1875.

Draft for Salaries and wages mailed twenty eighth ultimo. Deficiency draft sent today.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Jany 4th 1875

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 2d. inst. I send you by todays mail 50 copies of the Circular of the Secretary of the Treasury giving the values of Foreign Coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte N.C.

Jany 4th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. enclosing report of your operations for the month of December 1874 is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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M. F. Bonzano, Esqr.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Janry 5th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 4th ult. relative to the disallowances made by the accounting officers in the adjustment of your account of Ordinary Expenses, and in which you state that you had ordered a lot of Cupels Assay bottles &c. from Paris, and that they would probably arrive at N. O. the last of January, I have to state that the Bill for the articles above mentioned and freight on same will be paid by you from the appropriation for "Repairs and Apparatus."

When these articles arrive in New Orleans, you are instructed to procure from the Collector of Customs the necessary forms upon which to make application to the Secretary of the Treasury to allow (as they are intended for the use of the U. S.) the same to be admitted free of duty, which you will properly fill up, making the required oath thereto and forward to this office, and when received the necessary steps will be promptly taken to have the order issued by the Secretary without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans.

Janry 5th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst. reporting Assay Dept. of your Mint in condition for immediate work, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

January 5th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst. explaining the reasons for omitting the arrow-head device from the dies for the subsidiary silver coinage of 1875, I have to state that while it is in itself a matter of comparatively small importance, and the reasons given for dispensing with the device appear to be quite sufficient, it would have been proper to have first obtained the approval of the Director, - no authority to alter or omit a device being vested by law or regulations in the Superintendent or Engraver. The omission to confer with and obtain the approval of this Office upon the subject, was doubtless due to inadvertence and the force of habit acquired under the old law, and calls for no further remark than that it must not stand as a precedent to be followed in future.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Jany 5th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the Official Oath of Henry Winter Syle Asst. Calculator in the Melter & Refiners' Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Jany 5th 1875.

Sir:

The Bullion accounts of your predecessor in office, for the quarter ending June 30th 1874, are herewith returned for correction, "Silver Profit Fund" having been erroneously debited with the amount of the wastage of the operative officers in their gold operations during the fiscal year ending June 30 1874 when it is only chargeable with the legal Silver Wastage.

The Bullion Fund must be reimbursed for amount of the gold wastage of the operative officers, by Profit & Loss account, you are therefore respectfully requested to have the accounts rendered accordingly and returned to this office at an early day.

Your attention is also called to the error noted in pencil in account of "Gold Coins for Assay."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Horstmann & Bros.
Philadelphia.

Jany 5th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will inform me at what price you will furnish two U.S. Flags, regulation size, for the Mint of the U.S. at Denver, Colorado.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Alexander Martin, Esq.

Janʸ 5th 1875.

Melter and Refiner, U. S. Mint
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

I have to inform you of the receipt at this office of your Commission as Melter and Refiner of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, Cal.

I enclose herewith blank form of Bond which you will please execute in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) and forward the same to this office at your earliest possible convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

Janʸ 5th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of November, 1874.

Your attention is called to the Bill of Jos. Oats & Sons for Copper, voucher No. 382, amounting to $292.48 the same should be disallowed.

I enclose herewith copies of the correspondence between this office and the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint in relation to this Bill.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esqr.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson Leity, Nev.

Jany 5th 1875.

Sir:

I have to inform you of the receipt at this office of your commission as Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson Leity, Nev.

I enclose herewith blank form of Bond, which you will please execute in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) and forward the same to this office at your earliest possible convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. J. W. Bennett
Governor of the Territory
Boise Leity, Idaho.

Jany 5th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. and in reply to say that an effort will be made to obtain a sufficient appropriation for continuing operations at the Boise Leity Assay Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 5th 1875.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of December 1874 is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Jany 5th 1875.

Sir:

Your Ordinary Expense Account for November 1874 has this day been referred to the 1st Auditor for adjustment.

The attention of the Auditor has been called to the Bills of Jos. Oat & Sons, for $292.48, and the same will be disallowed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. mint. U.S.

Philadelphia.

Jany 5th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 15th ult. I have to request that you furnish this Office with a Statement showing the number of gold melts made and number condemned, from April 1st 1873 to November 30, 1874.

A Statement showing the silver melts for the period mentioned, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint 7th U. S. Philadelphia.

Jany 6th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing Certificate of deposit for $25.000. the same being profits on Minor Coinage, is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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N. H. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Jany 6th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your two favors of the 2nd inst. in one of which you inform me that the Assay Dept. of the Mint is now in condition for immediate work, and in the other you suggest that some of the mechanics and laborers be continued on their present work.

I am of the opinion that all work should be confined, until further action by Congress, to putting the Assay Dept. in condition for operations.

If any portion of the sum you suggest viz: two or three thousand dollars is necessary for that purpose I will on being so informed by you make a favrable recommendation for the necessary sum to be provided out of funds under control of the Supervising Architect.

In the meantime you will proceed to put the assay Dept. in condition for Assaying and Stamping bullion, and you will also inform me when it will be desirable to have an Assayer appointed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 6th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing statement of Copper used by the Melter & Refiner for alloy during the fourth quarter 1874 is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Jany 6th 1875.

Sir:

You are requested to render and transmit to this office without delay an account covering the amount $1.168.02 advanced you in coin, from the appropriation (deficiency) for Contingent Expenses for fiscal year ending June 30th 1873, to reimburse your Bullion Fund for wastage of the operative officers unprovided for.

While it is true that you have accounted for the sum above mentioned in your bullion accounts, it is necessary that you render an account under the head of Ordinary Expenses, in order that you may receive credit on the books of the Treasury Dept. for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Lerawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson Leity, Nev.

Jany 6th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th ult. enclosing certificate of deposit No. 837 for $869.28 and No. 838 for $166.39, being the balances belonging to the Ordinary Funds for the fiscals years ending June 30th 1874 and June 30th 1875, in the hands of your predecessor at the date of his retirement from office.

I will thank you to inform this office of the amount of the appropriations for Salaries, Wages and Contingent Expenses respectively embraced in the certificates.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

January 6th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this office under date of October 24th 1874 transmitting for adjustment the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of September, 1874 your attention was called to payment made C. H. Washburne as Clerk in the General Dept. at $7.00 per day, and you were requested to disallow the same in the adjustment of the accounts, for the reason that the appointment had not been submitted for approval.

For the reasons contained in a letter received from the Supt. of the San Francisco Mint under date of the 29th ult. a copy of which is herewith enclosed, I have approved of the employment of Mr. Washburne, and have to request that the disallowance above referred to may be allowed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Austens & Bourne
#4 Cedar St. New York.

January 6th 1875.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request of the 4th inst. I enclose a copy of the Secretary's circular of January 1st giving the values of foreign gold and silver coins as estimated by this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Janʸ 6th. 1875.

Sir:

Upon receipt of the reserved coins for the last quarter of 1874, from the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, I will thank you to forward to this Office, a Statement showing the number and denomination of coins reserved during the last Calendar year at each of the three Mints, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Carson.

The Statement is desired in order that a comparison of the records may be made prior to the Annual assay in February next.

The enclosed blanks are forwarded, and can be used in preparing the report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Janʸ 6th. 1875.

Sir:

I herewith return the Statement of Assay Coins reserved for the month of December 1874. The footings being incorrect, as designated by pencil mark.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Swayne, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

January 2. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the Official Oaths of the following employes of your institution, whose appointments were this day approved, viz:

F. D. Hetrich,	Supervisor of Laboratory.
Martin Bulger,	Chief Engineer.
Orville Mann,	Workman
C. E. Robinson	Capt. of Watch
Jas. C. Mann	Receiving Clerk.
A. G. Lawrence	Watchman
W. H. Wiggins,	Asst. Engineer
Wm. M. Dana,	Workman
Jno. M. Days,	"
Mrs. M. E. Dangerfield,	Adjuster
Mrs. Anna Wolfinger,	"

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. J. W. Scudder
N.C.

Jany 7th 1875

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favr of 6th inst. I have to inform you that the gold or bullion value of U. S. Silver coins is as follows:-
Silver bullion being worth at present 112½ cents per standard ounce.

50 cent coin	45 2/10 cents
25 " "	22 6/10 "
10 " "	9 4/10 "
	90 4/10 cents to the dollar.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr.
Philadelphia.

January 7th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to examine the various pieces of machinery received from the Mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega and inform me whether the same or any portion of it could by necessary renovation be applied for Coinage at Chicago.

In the event of Congress authorizing the establishment of a Mint at Chicago, it will be important to utilize as much of the machinery referred to as possible.

You will also please state the price at which you would in the contingency referred to be willing to sell us the Coining Press, which you exhibited to me, as having been manufactured for one of the South American States.

I assume that the Press would answer as well for striking any coin, except the Eagle and Trade Dollar, as any other Press, and that you would be willing to dispose of it on favorable terms to the Government.

If it should be decided to provide for coining at Chicago, it is probable that the Government would for a time at least rent and not erect a building for that purpose and that the engines and boilers would be procurred in that city, it would however be well for you to furnish me an estimate of the approximate cost of providing the necessary Machinery for Coinage at Chicago, on a scale equal to that of the Carson Mint. We should not expect to separate or refine the precious metals at that point and no apparatus or Machinery for that purpose need be included in your estimate.

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I will be obliged to you for an early reply.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Jany 7th 1875.

Sir.

I have this day transmitted to the First Auditor for adjustment your Bullion Accounts for the 3d quarter, 1874.

The attention of the Auditor has been called to an item of 24 cents, for which you ask credit as "an old shortage" in your Gold coinage Account, and he has been requested to disallow the same in the adjustment of your accounts, for the reason that it would establish a bad precedent if allowed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N.Y.

January 7th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office during the month of January 1875, has been approved for $12,500.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — 1875	$3,000.00
Wages of Workmen, 1875,	6.000.00
Contingent Expenses, 1875	3.500.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

January 7th 1875.

Sir:

I return herewith the vouchers transmitted by you with your accounts of Ordinary Expenses for the months of October and November 1874, in favor of Bernard Saude, a clerk in your office, for amounts paid by him for telegrams and express charges, and have to inform you that it has been decided by the accounting Officers that you must furnish the vouchers of the Expres and Telegraph Companies for the same.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

January 7th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing receipted bill in duplicate of Messrs. Lawrence, Son & Gerrish $67.05 for Storage, Labor and Cartage on 149 bbls. San Francisco Mint Sweeps, is received.

The bill of Messrs. Lawrence, Son, & Gerrish, has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

January 7th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of O. H. LaGrange, Supt. U. S. Mint at San Francisco. Cal. for the quarter ending Sept. 30th. 1874.

Your attention is respectfully called to an item of 24 cents which the Superintendent has charged, and for which he asks credit for "an old shortage" existing in the Gold Coining a/c for many years.

I am of the opinion that this item should not be allowed, for the reason that it might establish a bad precedent.

"Shortage" as termed by the Superintendent, might occur in his cash hereafter and credit asked for the same, and this case cited as a precedent.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

January 7th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th. inst. enclosing a copy of the plans presented you by the Coiner for the erection of additional annealing furnaces is received and will receive proper attention, when the Executive, Legislative and Judicial appropriation bill comes up for consideration in the Senate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Lawrence, Son, & Gerrish — January 7th 1875.

New York.

Gentlemen:

I have received from the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, your bill amounting to $67.05 for storage, labor, and cartage on 149 bbls. sweeps from the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, which has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. — Janry 7th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of December 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. James Pollock — January 7th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your Medal account for the fourth quarter 1874, is rec'd.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint — Janry 7th 1875.

Carson City, Nevada.

Five tons of Copper shipped on the twenty ninth ultimo.

H. R. Linderman
Director U.S. Mints.

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Hon. Samuel Hooper

Chairman Committee on Coinage.

January 8th. 1875.

Sir:

Your favr of yesterday, enclosing two letters from Mr. George D. Edelman in relation to the Finance Bill and Mint matters, and requesting me to inform you how far I concur in the same, has been received.

I have read the letters or rather statements of Mr. Edelman, and find they are a revival of charges made by him from time to time, ever since the office of Deputy Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office New York, — which was created for and held by Mr. Edelman, — was abolished, under the Coinage Act of 1873.

Before noticing the various statements made by Mr. Edelman it is proper to invite your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter from that gentleman to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated February 21st. 1872, in which, referring to the Coinage Bill then pending in Congress, he expressed in effect his conscientious belief that the business of the Assay Office in New York could not be transacted so as to satisfy the public, if the position of Deputy Treasurer were abolished.

Recalled — See page 358.

It appears proper, also, for me to state that after the organization of the Mint Bureau, he made an unsuccessful application for the employment of his son therein, and for a special position to be made for himself.

The only suggestion contained in his letters which had any bearing on the Finance Bill, was the revival of a scheme proposed in 1869 by the Philadelphia Mint officers, and which contemplated the issue of a Token Silver

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coin, about 27 per cent less valuable than the present silver coinage. Mr. Edelman's plan, however, is to reduce the weight of the subsidiary silver coin about 7 per cent.

As silver bullion has declined in value more than 6 per cent since the first reduction of the weight of silver coins in 1853, and a further decline appears probable, any further reduction in the weight of our already over-valued silver coins would be open to the most serious objections, and in my opinion, a proposition looking to that end, should not be entertained.

Mr. Edelman expresses his opposition to the repeal of the gold coinage charge, on the ground that it will be at the expense of the Treasury to the amount of $100.000. per annum.

On this point, I have only to say that in my opinion the general advantages to the country which will follow free coinage, will greatly overbalance the comparitively unimportant advantage to the Treasury, which would arise from retaining the charge, and in connection with this point, I invite your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to Senator Sargent on the subject of free coinage, and in which the reasons for the repeal of the charge, are stated somewhat in detail.

In respect to the comments of Mr. Edelman in reference to an excess of expenses over income, I have to state that there was a large increase in the amount of bullion operated upon during the last fiscal year, as will be seen by reference to my last Annual Report P. 7, and which included a large re-coinage of gold on government account,

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and for which no charge was made. I should here remark, that the law never did, nor does not now, contemplate that the mints should be self sustaining, the charges being required by law to equal, but not to exceed the cost of labor, materials &c. in the several operations which are subject to charge.

Prior to the establishment of the Mint Bureau it was not the practice to embrace in the Mint Report any information in relation to expenditures, wastage, income &c. and this fact accounts for Mr. Edelman not making a comparison of last years results with those of former years.

His statement that the Government has sustained a loss of about $20,000. during the last four years, by a false mode of settling the accounts between the Mint at San Francisco and the San Francisco Assaying and Refining works, is not true. What he refers to, is, a distinction which is made at the Mint between crude and refined bullion in assaying and reporting the same, and for a full explanation of which I refer you to pages 18, 19, and 100 of my last Report, and from which it will be seen that the subject was one of careful examination on the part of Mint officials in 1872.

Mr. Edelman also makes cautionary observations in reference to Section 28 of the Coinage Act, and which he refers to as requiring "gold coins at par to be paid for subsidiary silver coins." As the section expressly provides that silver coins shall be paid out in exchange for gold coins at par, and not the exchange of silver coins for gold, as Mr. Edelman seems to apprehend, it is

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clear that whatever advantage there may be in the exchange, will inure to the Government. It is apparent therefore that Mr. Edelman does not understand the provisions of the section to which he calls attention.

With respect to the arrangement under which bullion deposited at the San Francisco Mint is refined by the private Refinery in that City, I have to state that the effect has been, to reduce the expenses of the operation (parting of Gold and Silver Bullion) about one third.

Careful investigation showed that the actual expense of conducting the operation in the old Mint by the nitric acid process, and which was the only process that could be employed for want of space, was attended with an actual cost of from 12 to 15 cents per ounce. Under the arrangement with the Refinery the expense was reduced to 8 cents per ounce, and altogether has proved a decided advantage to the Government and Depositors.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

The statements of Mr. Edelman are herewith returned. H. R. L.

January 8th 1875

Mr. T. Bonzano, Esq.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

New Orleans,

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of December 1874 is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 8th 1875.

Sir:

I am advised that the rooms in the U. S. Assay Office Building New York, occupied by Messrs. Henry Clews & Co. are about to be turned over to The United States.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office states that it is very important that these rooms should be made available for the increasing bullion operations of that office, and concurring in his views, I respectfully recommend that the lease, which I am informed has about one year to run, be cancelled, and the rooms turned over to the Superintendent of the Assay Office, to be hereafter occupied by and used for the bullion operations of that office, and I further request that the course recommended be taken as early as practicable, the rooms being very much needed for that purpose.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas E. Picton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Janry 8th 1875.

Sir:

In consequence of the recent decline in the price of Silver bullion, the purchasing rate at your office is hereby reduced from 118 to 116 cents per standard ounce, to take effect on Monday 11th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia

January 8th 1875.

Sir:

I received yesterday your Medal account for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st. 1874. According to voucher No. 4, it appears that certain Silver and Bronze Medals have been made and delivered to the Centennial Board of Finance, and I assume that you have fixed a price for the manufacture of the Centennial Medals.

Your attention is invited to Par. 8, P. 29, General Instructions and Regulations, which requires that the price of medals shall be fixed by the Superintendent, with the approval of the Director. You will please furnish a statement of the cost at which you are furnishing the medals referred to, and an estimate on which the same is based, in order that the law and regulations may be complied with before your accounts are transmitted to the accounting officers.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

January 8th 1875.

Sir:

In consequence of the recent decline in the price of Silver Bullion, the purchasing rate at your Mint is hereby reduced from 118 to 116 cents per standard ounce, to take effect on Monday 11th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

January 8th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day transmitted to the First Auditor for adjustment, your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the Month of December 1874.

From an examination of this account it appears that the sum of $23.00 was paid on the bill of Wm. T. Murphy & Sons, Voucher No. 399, for the following items, viz:

1 M. Medal Orders printed	$8.00
1 M. Delivery Slips "	$5.00
1 M. Medal Fund vouchers printed	$10.00

These items should have been paid from your Medal Fund, and taken up in your Medal a/c where all expenditures connected with the manufacture and sale of Medals properly belong.

Hereafter you will please see that this is done, as it will be necessary to disallow them in the settlement of your Ordinary Accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

January 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. recommending that Congress be asked to make an appropriation of $10,000. to sink an Artesian Well, to furnish water for the Mint, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Messrs. Horstman Bros. & Co.
Philadelphia.

January 8th 1875.

Gentlemen:

You are requested to ship by Express to the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col. Two U. S. Bunting Flags, 18 feet long, with the necessary Halyards, and transmit your bills in duplicate to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. le. Paquet, Esq.
1217 Nth. 13th St.
Philadelphia.

Janry 8th 1875.

Sir:

Have you had any photographs taken of Mr. Faber's designs for the Life Saving medal of the first class. If so, please send me two or three copies.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

Janry 8th 1875.

Sir.

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of December, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

January 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing Medal and Proof coins Reports of the Cosnier and Superintendent for the quarter ending December 31st, 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Jan'y 8th 1875.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to furnish this office without delay, a copy of the Contract with "The Adams Express Company" for the transportation of Minor Coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Jan. 9th 1875.

The rate of payment for silver contained in gold deposits will be reduced to one hundred and fourteen cents per standard ounce on and after Monday eleventh instant.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

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Jany 9th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

In consequence of the recent decline in the price of Silver bullion, the purchasing rate at your Mint has been reduced from 116 to 114 cents per standard ounce, and you were this day notified of the same by a telegram in the following words, viz:

"Superintendent Mint, San Francisco"

"The rate of payment for silver contained in gold deposits will be reduced to one hundred and fourteen cents per standard ounce on and after Monday eleventh instant."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Jany 9th 1875.

Thomas E. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York. N.Y.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment your account of Ordinary Expenditures for the month of December 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Janᵧ 9th 1875.

C. A. King, Esq.
Teller Orleans County Natl Bank
Albion, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing draft for $100.00 on Ninth National Bank, New York, with the request that minor Coins for that amount be sent you, has been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, who will comply therewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Janᵧ 9th 1875.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the month of December 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Janᵧ 9th 1875.

Use the dies as sent.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Supt. Mint S. F.

Jan. 10th 1875.

Confer with Refinery and leading producers of bullion and inform me by telegraph what amount of silver bullion we can depend on monthly until May 1st considering probable interruption of mills from cold weather and exclusive of Trade Dollar coinage.

H. R. L. Dr.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

January 11th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have received through the courtesy of Maj. Genl. Humphreys, Mr. Clarences King's Report of the Geological Explorations of the 40th Parallel.

As this report contains much of very valuable information relating to the mining interests of the Country, and more especially those of Colorado and Nevada, - I would respectfully request that you cause to be procured a set of Mr. Kings reports for the use of the U. S. Mints at Denver, Carson, San Francisco and Philadelphia, and for the Assay Office at New York.

I have the honor to be, Sir

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,

Jan. 11th 1875.

New York.

How much subsidiary silver coin is due depositors. What amount of fine bars is it practicable to transfer during this month from Bullion Fund to Philadelphia Mint - reply by mail.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Samuel Hooper
Chairman Committee on Coinage.

January 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your favr of yesterday enclosing letter and statements from Mr. George W. Edelman in relation to the Finance Bill and Mint matters received by you from the Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency and requesting me to inform you how far I concur in the same, has been received.

I have read the statements of Mr. Edelman and find they are a revival of charges made by him from time to time during the last four years, and before noticing them in detail, it is proper to invite your attention to the annexed copy of a letter marked "A" from that gentleman to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated February 21, 1872, in which referring to the Coinage Bill then pending in Congress, he expressed in effect his conscientious belief that the business of the Assay Office in New York could not be transacted so as to satisfy the public, if the position of Deputy Treasurer were abolished.

The only suggestion contained in Mr. Edelman's statement in relation to the Finance Bill, was the revival of, or more properly speaking, reference to a scheme proposed in 1869, by the Philadelphia Mint officials, and which contemplated the issue of a token silver coinage, about 27 per cent less valuable than the present silver coinage. Mr. Edelman's plan however, is only to reduce the weight of the subsidiary silver coinage about 7 per cent.

As silver bullion has declined in value more than 6 per cent since the reduction of the weight of silver coins in 1853, and is still

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greater decline appears probable, any further reduction in the weight and value of our silver coins would be open to the most serious objection and in my opinion, a proposition looking to that end should not be entertained.

At the present price of silver 112½ cents per ounce gold, the value in gold of one dollar in subsidiary silver coins is 90 9/10 cents.

Mr. Edelman expresses his opposition to the repeal of the gold coinage charge on the ground that it will be a loss to the Treasury of $100.000. per annum.

On this point I have only to say that in my opinion the general advantages to the country which will follow the free coinage of gold, will greatly overbalance the comparatively unimportant advantage to the Treasury which would arise from retaining the charge, and in connection with this subject, I invite your attention to the annexed copy of a letter marked "B" addressed to Senator Sargent, on the subject of free coinage, and in which the reasons for the repeal of the gold coinage charge are stated somewhat in detail.

In respect to the comments of Mr. Edelman relative to an excess of expenses over income, I have to state that there was a very large increase in the various bullion operations during the last fiscal year, as will be seen by reference to the annexed extract, marked "C" from my last annual Report.

In the expenses of last year was also included the cost of a large re-coinage of gold on Government account, for which no charge was made. I should here remark that the law never did, and does not now

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contemplate that the Mints should be self-
sustaining, the charges being required by law
to equal but not to exceed the cost of labor,
material, wastage and use of machinery in
each of the several operations which are legally
subjects of charge, viz: melting, refining, parting,
stamping of bars, and manufacture of Trade
Dollars.

Prior to the establishment of the Mint Bu-
reau, it was not the practice to embrace in
the Annual Mint Report any information in
relation to expenditures, wastage, income &c.
and this fact no doubt accounts for Mr. Edelman
not making a general comparison of last
years results with those of former years.

His statement that the Government
has sustained a loss of about $20,000. during
the last four years by a false mode of
settling the accounts between the Mint at
San Francisco and the San Francisco Assay-
ing and Refining Works, is not true. This
refers to a distinction which is made at the
Mint between crude and refined bullion in
assaying and accounting for the same, for a
full explanation of which I refer you to the
annexed extract marked "D", from my last
annual Report.

Early in the year 1872, Mr. Edelman
verbally made a similar charge to the
First Auditor of the Treasury, who addressed
a letter to the Superintendent of the San Francisco
Mint, calling for an explanation, and which
when received was referred to the Director of the
Mint at Philadelphia (Hon. James Pollock)
who submitted the question to a Special
Wastage Commission appointed by the Secretary

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of the Treasury to investigate the cause or causes of an excess of Silver Wastage in the operations of the Melter and Refiner of the Mint at Philadelphia, and then engaged in making the investigations devolved upon it.

After the Commission had examined the question, and reported its views to the Director, that Officer approved the mode of reporting the Assays at San Francisco.

The Report of the Wastage Commission, marked "E" is herewith annexed.

While the examination of the question was in progress, Mr. Edelman made a communication to the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of May 23d. 1872, in relation to what he termed irregularities in the San Francisco Mint, which communication was a few days thereafter referred to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, who on the 24th. of June following, submitted an elaborate reply, which completely refuted the allegations of Mr. Edelman. A copy of the Superintendents letter, marked "F." is herewith annexed.

Mr. Edelman also makes cautionary observations in referring to the 28th. Section of the Coinage act, which he refers to, as "requiring gold coins at par to be paid for subsidiary silver coin."

As the Section expressly provides "that silver coins other than the Trade Dollar shall be paid out (at their nominal values) at the several Mints, and the Assay Office at New York in exchange for gold coins at par", and not the exchange of silver coins for gold, it is clear that whatever advantage there may be in the exchange will inure to the Government,

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which gains the difference between their intrinsic and nominal value. In other words the Government receives one dollar in gold for the Subsidiary silver coins, which at the present price of silver cost about 90 4/10 cents in gold.

It is therefore clearly apparent that Mr. Edelmann is mistaken in regard to the provisions of the section to which he calls attention.

With respect to the arrangement under which bullion deposited at the San Francisco Mint is refined by the private Refinery in that city, I have to state that the effect has been to reduce the expenses of the operation (parting or separating of gold and silver bullion) about one third. Careful investigation has shown that the actual expense of conducting the parting operation in the old Mint at San Francisco by the nitric acid process, and which was the only process that could be employed there for want of space, was attended with an actual cost of from 12 to 15 cents per ounce. Under the arrangement with the Refinery, the expense was reduced to 8 cents per ounce, and altogether has proved a decided advantage to the Government and depositors.

The statements of Mr. Edelman are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

January 11th 1875.

Sir:

The 12th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, provides that all workmen employed in the Mints and Assay Offices, shall be allowed such wages to be determined by the Superintendent, and approved by the Director of the Mint, as may be customary and reasonable, according to their respective stations and occupations.

In view of the reduction which has taken place during the last year or two in the price of many of the commodities, I have to request that you will carefully examine the compensation allowed all persons respectively in your Institution, and which are not fixed by law with a view to ascertain whether any reduction in the rate of compensation is called for under the circumstances, and report the result to me as early as convenient.

The state of the public finances and of the Country generally, is such as to call for the utmost economy on the part of all public officers.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

O. H. Laigrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Mint U. S.
Denver.

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January 11th 1875.

Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I beg to call your attention to the necessity which, in my opinion exists for a small increase of salary in the case of the following Mint Officials:

Office Director of the Mint.

The salary of the Director of the Mint is $500. less than that of the First and Second Comptroller, and Comptroller of the Currency, and $1500. less than the compensation of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey.

Considering the responsible and laborious duties of the office, as well as its technical character, a moderate increase of compensation would appear to be just. Being the present incumbent, makes it a delicate matter for me to urge, but I earnestly request that you will consider it, and make such recommendation as to you may appear proper.

The offices of Examiner and Computer of Bullion are important positions, and require to be filled by men of special qualifications. They are now occupied by men of long experience in Mint business, and bullion accounts, and are entirely satisfactory to me.

I most earnestly recommend that you will have their compensation increased from $2200. to $2600. per annum.

Mint U. S. Carson.

The salary of the Superintendent of the Carson Mint is only $3000. a sum entirely too low when the responsible duties of the office are considered.

I respectfully recommend that it be increased to $4500. which will place it upon an

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equality with the same office in the other Coinage Mints. I also recommend that the salary of the Cashier at the Carson Mint be increased from $2000. to $2500.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. Jules Marcou
Cambridge, Mass.

Janry 11th. 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt this day through Prof. Henry of the Smithsonian Institute, of two lead impressions, being the obverse and reverse of a medal struck in Paris to commemorate the American Independence.

As soon as I can obtain leisure, I will consider your proposition and write you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st. Auditor.

January 11th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La. for the month of December, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jan. 11th 1875.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. Philad^{a}. Pa.

Sir:

Please confer with the Melter and Refiner and inform me at what rate you can refine (separate) washe bullion, which averages 40% (value) gold and containing about 5 parts (in a 1000) base metals.

In carrying out operations under the new act we must prefer as far as it may be practicable and lawful, the silver from mixed bullion, and the separating capacity of the private refinery in S. F. the Mint at Carson & Assay Office N. Y. being only about 1.000.000. ounces per month, we shall have to work, if practicable your refinery. Out of the amount indicated must come the Trade Dollar Coinage, say five to seven hundred Thousand ounces per month.

Regularly parted silver will be found more economical to work than silver refined by melting, and fluxing &c.

I finds the per centage of condemned silver ingots at Philad^{a} largely in excess of those at S. F. & Carson & which must be mainly due to the character of the bullion alloyed for coinage.

A comparative statement will be sent you shortly showing the result indicated.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Henry Wilson

Jany 6th. 1875.

President, U. S. Senate,

Sir:

On the 11th of June 1874, the Senate passed the following resolution, viz:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to inquire and report at the next Session of Congress, as to the necessity of an Assay Office at Portland, Oregon, and if there is such a necessity, whether a construction of the same, or purchase from the owners of the present private Assay Office, would be most expedient, and also as to the expediency of removing or abolishing the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho."

The inquiry contemplated by the above resolution has been made, and the following facts ascertained.

The entire bullion product of Oregon and a considerable portion of that of Northern Idaho, finds its way to the San Francisco Market, either in the form of unrefined bars, or the original dust, and is there either coined or exported.

The receipts from Oregon and Northern Idaho reached at one time as high as $8.000.000. per annum, but the amount has annually decreased until it does not exceed at the present time $1,500,000. about two thirds of which amount it is estimated is marketed at Portland, and as no material increase in the production of bullion from the mines of that section of the country is anticipated, There does not in my opinion exist any necessity for establishing an Assay Office at Portland.

A suitable Assay Office having been erected, fitted up and put in operation at Boise, Idaho, it may as well be continued, but the expense of conducting it should be limited

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to $7,500. per annum.

I have the honor to be, Sir.
Very respectfully
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 11th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. relative to the difference $11,258.25 between the bullion and tale value of light gold coins recoined unsealed, is received.

If you will furnish this office with a detailed statement of the above named difference, the necessary steps will be taken to have your account relieved of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 11th/1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. in reply to that of this office of the 8th instant relative to the prices fixed by you for the manufacture of the Centennial Medals, is received.

The prices as fixed by you are hereby approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

January 11th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. reporting the sale of 149 Bbls of Sweeps from the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco to Messrs. R. Longman's Sons and enclosing duplicate bills for amount paid Carr & Heath for weighing $34.36 and F. J. Voellner for expenses attending sampling the same $1.80, in all $36.16, is received.

The bills have been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement and in due course of business a draft will be sent you for the amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

January 11th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor, for adjustment, your Account of Ordinary Expenditures for the month of December, 1874.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Jany 12th 1875.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

The 12th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, provides that all workmen employed in the Mints and Assay Offices shall be allowed such wages to be determined by the Superintendent and approved by the Director of the Mint as may be customary and reasonable, according to their respective stations and occupations.

In view of the reduction which has taken place during the last year or two in the price of many commodities, I have to request that you will carefully examine the compensation allowed all persons in your institution, and which are not fixed by law, with a view to ascertain whether any reduction in the rate of compensation is called for under the circumstances, and report the result to me as early as convenient.

The state of the public finances, and of the country generally is such as to call for the utmost economy on the part of all public officers.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer &c.
Boise City, Idaho.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

January 12th 1875.

Sir:

I returned the Bullion a/cs of your predecessor for the quarter ending June 30, 1874, on the 5th inst. for correction, the Silver Profit Fund having been erroneously debited with the amount of the Gold Wastage for the year.

This will necessitate changes in the balances on your Accounts for the 3d quarter, 1874, and I therefore return herewith the Bullion a/c's of your predecessor, Mr. Hetrich, for part of the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1874, viz: from July 1st to Sept. 8th inclusive, and your Bullion a/c's for part of the same quarter, viz: from September 9th to September 30th inclusive.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hoerstmann Bros. & Co.
5th and Cherry Sts.
Philadelphia.

Jany 12th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I have received your Bill amounting to $69.00 for 2 U. S. Flags and Halyards ordered for the use of the Mint at Denver, Col. which has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers of the department for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

Janry 12th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will procure the following Deficiency Appropriations on account of the Mint service for the current fiscal year.

U. S. Assay Office, New York.

In order to meet the largely increasing Silver operations in the Assay Office at New York, it is necessary to transfer melting operations from the first story room in the rear building to the rooms heretofore occupied by the Banking firm of Messrs. Clews & Co. in the front building, and which will enable the room first mentioned to be occupied for refining and separating the precious metals, and thereby double the capacity of the Office.

The increased space to be occupied, erection of furnaces and condensing chambers, and the increased operations of the office will be attended with an expense in excess of the appropriations for the current fiscal year, as follows:

Wages of Workmen	$10,000.
Repairs, Materials, acids and other incidentals	10,000.

and these amounts should be appropriated in the Deficiency Bill.

Mint U. S. San Francisco.

Coining operations were commenced at the new Mint during the early part of December, 1874, actual coinage being intermitted for nearly a month in making the transfer of machinery, bullion, books &c. from the old to the new Mint.

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To meet the increasing demand for coinage at that Institution, it became necessary to employ additional workmen, and it is estimated that the sum of $37.000. in the item of "Wages of Workmen" and $1900. in that of "Contingent Expenses", viz: fuel, copper for alloy, chemicals, and other necessaries, will be required for the current fiscal year.

For further explanations please see copy of letter from Superintendent O. H. LaGrange, under date of 29th ult.

Mint U. S. Carson.

The insufficient appropriations made for the support of the Mint at Carson for the current fiscal year, and the increase in the amount of Gold and Silver separated and coined, instead of being made into stamped bars, as was the case until within the last eighteen months, renders additional appropriations necessary, as follows:

Wages of Workmen and Adjusters	$16,000.
Wood, Charcoal, Sulphuric acid, crucibles, fluxes, copper for refining Gold and Silver and for alloy, freight and other incidental expenses	$79.000.

Attention is called to the annexed copy of a letter from Superintendent Crawford under date of Nov. 2, 1874, showing the increased appropriations to be necessary, and also to a statement of that officer showing the Expenditures and Receipts of that Mint during the month of October 1874.

The statement covers the operations in the deposit melting and refining or separating rooms, and which operations are subjects of charge; the law requiring the charges to

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equal but not exceed the actual expense thereof.

The month of October was taken as exhibiting fairly the average operations of the Mint.

I would further add that since the establishment of the Mint Bureau, the cost of sulphuric acid, which is the principal chemical used in refining, has been reduced at the Carson Mint from 13½ cents to 5½ cents per pound; wood from $10 to $7 per cord, and other articles in proportion.

The estimate are respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

Jany 12th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will procure the following Deficiency Appropriations on Account of the Mint service for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1874.

Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

There is due the Adams Express Company on account of transportation of bullion and Trade Dollars, between the Assay Office, New York and the Mint at Philadelphia for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1874, the sum of $773.70, and which amount should be provided for in the Deficiency Bills.

Mint U. S. Carson.

At the annual settlement of accounts for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1874, there was an excess in the amount allowed by law, in the Melter and Refiner's Silver Wastage of $804.07, and for which an appropriation should be made

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in order to reimburse the bullion fund to that amount.

The Report of Prof. Schirmer, Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Denver, who was sent by the Director to examine into the causes of the excessive wastage, will be found annexed.

For Incidental and Contingent Expenses incurred by the former Superintendent of the Carson Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1874, and not estimated for, the sum of $4000. will be required.

These expenses appear to have been proper, and in my opinion should be provided for.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq. Jany 12th 1875.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of $69.00 has been charged against the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1875, on account of Bill of Horstman Bros & Co. of Phila. for Two U. S. Flags & Halyards forwarded to you on the 9th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow. Janry 11th 1875.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention to the necessity of increasing certain items of appropriations in the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation Bills, under the head of U.S. Mints and Assay Offices.

Mint at Philadelphia.

P. 35, line 842, strike out the words "twenty-five" and insert the word "fifty", so as to read, "for wages of workmen and Adjusters $250,000," and which will make the amount the same as appropriated for the current fiscal year.

P. 35, line 845, strike out the words "one" and "ten", and insert the words "two" and "fifteen", so as to read, "for two annealing furnaces $15.000.- for explanation of which see annexed copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Page 35, line 846, strike out the word "five" and insert the word "ten" so as to read, "for freight on bullion and coin $10,000.

The expected increase in the amount of Silver bullion transmitted from the Assay Office, New York, to the Mint at Philadelphia for coinage, renders an appropriation of $10,000. necessary.

Mint at San Francisco.

P. 36, line 855, strike out the words "fifty-three" and insert the words "seventy-five" so as to read, "for Wages of Workmen and Adjusters $275,000."

The occupation of the extensive new Mint at San Francisco, and the estimated large increase in the coinage of gold and silver, renders it necessary to increase the item "Wages of Workmen" to the amount above stated.

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Mint at Carson.

P. 36. line 866, strike out the words "sixty-seven" and insert the words "eighty-five" so as to read, "for Wages of Workmen and Adjusters $85,000."

P. 36, line 869, strike out the words "seventy-five" and insert the words "one hundred" so as to read, "for materials, repairs, fuel, light, charcoal, chemicals, and other necessary expenses $100,000."

The increase in the last two items will restore the amounts as originally estimated for on the basis of the present rate of business, and which cannot be reduced without inconvenience to the public.

If the Bill providing for the resumption of specie payments becomes a law the refining operations of the Mints, and Assay Office, New York, will have to be materially increased, and the same remark will apply generally to all other operations appertaining to the coinage of bullion, and the amounts estimated for will be necessary.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

W. P. Blake, Esq.

Mill Rock.

New Haven, Conn.

Jany 12th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. and take pleasure in sending you per this days mail, a copy of my last Annual Report.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Jany 12th 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause twelve (12) Bronze copies of the Agassiz medal, to be struck at the Mint, and forward the same, with bill, to this Office.

As these medals are for the Chairman of the Coinage Committee – the simple cost of labor and material will be charged.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Jany 12th 1875.

Sir:

In examining your Medal Fund a/c for the quarter ending Dec. 31st 1874 I find that you have omitted to send a statement showing the cost of the Proof-Sets, sold during the quarter.

You will please furnish me with a statement of this kind.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. John Pastorius
#100 Front St. New York.

Jany 13th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address copies of my Annual Report for 1873 and 1874.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. Le. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York.

January 13th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing account of sales of 149 bbls of Sweeps, from the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, is received.

The following expenses on the above named sweeps were paid by Warrant on the Treasury from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the San Francisco Mint, viz:

To Sutton & Co.	for freight	$954.72
" Lawrence, Sm & Gerrish	, Storage,	67.05
" Thos. Le. Acton	, Weighing &c.	36.16
	Amounting to	$1,057.93

I have to request that you will sell of the coin received by you, an amount sufficient to produce the above mentioned sum in currency, and which sum ($1,057.93) you will please deposit with the Assistant Treasurer to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States on account of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco for 1875.

After deducting the amount required to produce $1,057.93 in currency you will please notify the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco of the amount you have on hand in coin subject to his draft.

You will also furnish him with a statement of the sales and expenses incurred and paid.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. L. M. Morrill
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
U. S. Senate.

Jany 13th 1875.

Sir:

In answer to your telegram of yesterday, received this morning, requesting to be informed whether I "regard an appropriation for Boise City Assay Office important", I have respectfully to state, that the office being established, and in successful operation, it will be well to continue Assay operations thereat. Producers of bullion rely upon U. S. Assays to determine the character and value of their bullion, and would feel the withdrawal of that privilege very sensibly.

The appropriation for the support of the Office may however be reduced to the following items and amounts.

Salaries of Assayer and Melter @ $2500. each	$5000.
Wages of Workmen	1,500.
Incidental and Contingent Expenses	1.000.
Total	$7,500.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. C. Paquet, Esq.
1217 Nth. 15th St. Philadelphia.

Jany 13th 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and also a package containing six Photographs of the Life Saving Medal design, and two of the San Francisco Wrecker medal.

Am sorry to hear of your illness.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

January 13th 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed you will please find statement of condemned ingot melts of Gold and silver at the several coinage Mints from April 1st. 1873 to November 30th 1874, and by reference to which it will be seen that the percentage of condemned melts of both gold and silver at your Mint compares unfavorably with those at Carson and greatly exceeds the percentage at San Francisco. The excess must be due either to the character of the bullion or want of accuracy in the calculations made in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. in making up the melts.

In suggesting these points for inquiry, I assume that the Assays are correctly made and reported, but this assumption need not prevent an inquiry in that direction.

The question is one which deserves the most careful examination on the part of all concerned, with a view of ascertaining the cause or causes of the large percentage of condemned melts and a reduction thereof in future.

I will thank you to examine the question in connection with the Assayer and Melter & Refiner, and report to me the results.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Wm. Lawrence

M. C. Washington, D.C.

January 13th 1875.

Sir:

I regret to say that I have no reliable data on which to furnish the information requested by you, as to the amount of Gold and Silver in the United States in each year for twenty years.

The amount of specie in this country, at the commencement of the late war, was estimated to have been from two hundred to two hundred and fifty million dollars, and of which, from fifty to seventy-five million was in silver coin.

In 1854, the amount of specie in the country was estimated at two hundred and forty one million dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Jany 13th 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of January 1875, has been approved for the sum of $33,213.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1875,	$2,213.00
Wages of Workmen, 1875	24,000.00
Contingent Expenses, 1875	7,000.00

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

January 13th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to my letter under date of December 7th 1874, relative to the disposition of the Sweeps reported by you to be on hand at your office, I will thank you to inform this office what action you have taken for the disposal thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

January 14th 1875.

Sir:

In Voucher No. 138 (J. Skidmore & Sons, Abstract Contingent Expenses) filed with your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of October 1874, the sum of $22.50 is charged for three tons Lehigh Coal as furnished June 23 1874, and which sum will be disallowed in the adjustment of your accounts, as the amount is payable out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

I suppose we shall have to provide for the above item in the Deficiency Bill.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr.
1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia.

January 14th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of an order from the Mint at San Francisco as follows:

"I respectfully request that there may be procured as soon as practicable, two pair of Steel Rolls, the same being necessary in consequence of greatly increased demand upon the Coiner's Department."

No statement as to size of Rolls having been furnished, I have to request that you will inform me whether your Mr. Orr who recently examined the machinery in that mint, understands precisely the size of the Rolls required, and whether the order refers to Steel Rolls manufactured in Pennsylvania, or at Essen in Prussia.

I suppose it is the former, and if I am correct in so assuming, please inform me the cost, and how soon they can be obtained and shipped.

If there is any uncertainty as to the size of the Rolls, you may Telegraph to the Mint at San Francisco for information.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philadelphia.

January 14th 1875.

Sir:

I return herewith, properly signed in duplicate vouchers for Twelve Bronze Agassiz Medals, received from you by Express.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

January 14th 1875.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the Circular of the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of July 9th 1872, enclosed herewith giving instructions, concerning the disposition of the proceeds of sales of Public Property under the fifth Section of the act of May 8th 1872, and an act amendatory of said section, approved June 8, 1872.

From the opinion of the First Comptroller of the Treasury, it will be seen that the expenses attending a sale cannot be deducted from the proceeds, you will therefore have to deposit with the Assistant Treasurer to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States the sum of $322.54, deducted from gross proceeds by the Auctioneer for expenses attending the recent sale of old material at the old Mint, and pay the amount of expenses from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, and charge the same in your account of Ordinary Expenses.

The Auctioneer must furnish vouchers for all expenses charged by him.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

Janry 14th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Medal Fund a/c of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending December 31, 1874.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jany 14th 1875.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

It would appear that there is no written contract for the transportation of minor Coins, and that $3. per $100. is charged by and paid the Adams Express Company for the transportation of such coins to all points west of Pittsburg and East of Omaha, and South of Washington, and $2.50 per $100. to all other points - such rates being paid in accordance with an understanding or verbal agreement between the Director of the Mint under the old law, and the Superintendent of the Express at Philadelphia, and stated - to be with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury at the time the agreement was made.

I am of the opinion that a regular contract should be made and before conferring with the Secretary of the Treasury relative thereto, I will be glad if you will examine the subject and give me your opinion as to whether the rates now and heretofore charged and allowed are reasonable and just.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Jany 14th 1875.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment, your Medal Fund Account for the Quarter ending December 31, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers. Jany 14th 1875.

1004, Walnut St. Philada

Dear Sir:

Referring to our recent conference on the pubject of erecting a Refinery at San Francisco, and the understanding then arrived at, I have to inform you that I am now ready to take up the pubject, and will be pleased to have you come here for consultation as early as next week, as will suit your convenience

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent, U. S. Mint. Jan. 15th 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gold coinage charge repealed from and after fourteenth inst.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Similar telegram to

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

C. H. La Grange, Esq. January 15th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Mr. Henry Smith, whose appointment as Porter in your Mint was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Janry 15th 1875.

Sir:

The President having approved on the 14th inst. the Finance Bill recently passed by Congress and in which the Coinage Charge for converting standard gold bullion into coin is repealed you were this day notified of the same by a telegram, as follows:

"Superintendent U. S. Mint, Philadelphia"

Gold coinage Charge repealed from and after fourteenth instant."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Janry 15th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the Official oaths of Edward Carr and B. A. Reynolds, whose appointments as Workmen in the Assayer's Dept. of your Mint were approved this day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

January 15th, 1875.

Sir:

I have received the Official oath of Robert Sawyer, whose appointment as Conductor in the General Department of your Mint was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Janv 15th, 1875.

Sir:

The Official oath of Mr. J. F. Sullivan, whose appointment as Blacksmith was this day approved, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Janv 15th, 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the Official oath of A. McQuade, whose appointment as Asst. Engineer in the General Dept. of your Mint was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq.

January 15th 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office during the month of January, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $956.30 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries - 1875 - - - - - - - - - - - -	$579.10
Wages of Workmen, 1875 - - - - - - - - - -	127.20
Contingent Expenses, 1875 - - - - - -	250.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. G. Bonzano, Esq.

Janry 15th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of January, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $551.00 from the following appropriations, viz.

Salaries, 1875 - - - - - - - - - - - -	$301.40
Wages of Workmen, 1875 - - - - - - - -	249.60

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

Janry 15th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing voucher of James C. Pollock, properly verified, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Messrs. Balbach & Son,
Smelting Works
Newark, N.J.

Janᵍ 15th 1875.

Gentlemen:

In view of the increased requirements of the mints for fine silver for coinage, I take the liberty of asking what the parting or separating capacity of your works is per month, That is to say, how many ounces of fine silver per month can you turn out as the result of parting gold and silver.

As far as practicable, and you think proper to impart the information, please describe your process, which is I understand the sulphuric acid method. Please understand that I do not refer to refining of silver bullion by melting and fluxing, but the separating of gold and silver existing together in the same bullion.

Your early answer is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Janᵍ 15th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of January 1875, has been approved for the sum of $11,300.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1875 - - - - - - - - - - - - $2,050.00
Wages of Workmen, 1875 - - - - - - - 9.250.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Jany 15th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Herbert M. Shepard, whose appointment as Workman in the Assayer's Dept. of your Mint was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Jany 15th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Miss. Alice J. Hall, whose appointment as Weigher in the Assayer's Dept. of your Mint, I have this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Jany 15th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of Henry M. Clayes and C. H. Powers, whose appointments were this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jany 15th 1875.

O. H. Delgrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of December 1874 is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to,

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Jany 16th 1875.

Hons. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing three certificates of Deposits as follows, is received.

1 No. 1762 $27.86 on a/c Silver coinage Charges,
2 " 1763 $2,754.56 " " Gold " "
3 " 1764 $15,000. Profits on Silver coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jany 16th 1875.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have transmitted your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of December, 1874, to the First Auditor for adjustment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Jany 16th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

In your letter of 11th inst. you state that ammnt of Subsidiary Silver coin due depositors (sellers) to be $50,000. You also state that you will send to the Philadª Mint for coinage 200,000. ounces silver during this month in addition to that which may be purchased in the same period.

I suppose that you have on hand a sufficient quantity of the different denominations of subsidiary silver coin to pay sellers of bullion up to & including Feb. 12th next. If so, I will thank you to inform the Supt of the Philadª Mint accordingly, and to request that officer to return balance due your office on a/c of subsidiary silver coinage in Dimes, and advise me that you have so written.

My object is to have all bullion that can be conveniently spared at both institutions made into Dimes, and by that means fully employ the Philadelphia Mint until such time as favrable rates will enable a sufficient supply of silver bullion to be purchased, after which we will run on all three denominations.

There will be large supplies of unparted (washed) bullion as soon as the extreme cold weather in the West moderates & I am inclined to think that we had better await the "moving of the waters" before entering the market as purchasers.

Purchases of Silver bullion payable in Subsidiary Silver Coins will not be made after the 12th proxmo, and the term silver contained in and parted from Gold Deposits, will

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be considered as applying only to Gold naturally alloyed with silver, and the weight of the gold exceeding that of the silver contained in the bullion. You will in due time be instructed as to the rate at which such silver is to be settled for and whether to be paid for in gold or silver coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

January 16th. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 15th. inst. enclosing statements of annual assay coins reserved at the mints at San Francisco and Carson, during the year, 1874.

In footing up the Double Eagles reserved at Carson, I find the total value to be $2500. not $2400. as stated by you. I have made the necessary correction.

I enclose blank form as requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

January 16th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the month of December, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, Philada. Pa.

Jany 16th 1875.

Sir:

Except so far as may be necessary to pay for Silver purchases and Silver parted from gold deposits up to and including Feb. 12th next, you will confine the subsidiary silver coinage to Dimes, using as much of the silver bullion fund of your Mint as in your judgment can be conveniently spared for that purpose, and working regular time and to your full capacity for such coinage (Dimes) and not interfering with the necessary Gold, Trade Dollar and minor Coinage, - limiting the last named, however, to the actual requirements of the public.

The severe snow-storms and extreme cold weather in the West will, no doubt, interfere more or less with the production and transportation of bullion, and the amount coming on the market will no doubt be considerably diminished for a month or two. Consequently a temporary slight increase in the price of silver may be expected, and it will not be our policy to make special purchases for a month or two to come. In the meantime it is desirable that you should coin as large an amount of Dimes as may be practicable.

The Assay Office, has on hand over $500.000. of Subsidiary Silver Coin, and no doubt consisting of each denomination to an extent sufficient to pay sellers of silver bullion up to and including the 12th proxims, at which time the provision of law requiring the Mint at Philada and Assay Office at New York to pay Silver coins for silver purchased for such coinage expires by limitation. If the Assay

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Office is supplied to the extent indicated no further coinage of 1/2 or 1/4 dollars need be made for the present.

I write Supt. Acton today upon the subject. What we desire is that until purchases of Silver are made to carry into effect the act approved 14th inst. the Mint run on Dimes, and that any portion of the silver bullion fund of the two institutions, which can be conveniently spared for that purpose, be used for such coinage. (Dimes).

After we shall have obtained a sufficient quantity of silver bullion for the purpose, the Mint at Philad'a will manufacture the three denominations 10, 25, & 50 cent pieces in such proportions as may be best adapted to the machinery, and as shall be the most economical.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson.

Jan'y 16th, 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your statement of the result of special test coins from the Mint at San Francisco, for the month of December, as assayed at your Mint.

Your attention is respectfully called to my letter of Dec. 2. 1874, requiring the weight of the coins to be reported in your statements to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Jan. 14th 1875.

Coin into Dimes as much of your Silver Bullion Fund as can be spared. Can purchase silver here at lower rates than mentioned in your despatch of fifteenth instant.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

L. A. Garnett.
416 Montgomery St.
San Francisco.

Jan. 14th 1875.

In what time could you double present capacity of your separating works.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Jan. 14th 1875.

Coin into Dimes as much of your Silver Bullion Fund as can be conveniently spared?

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Jan'y 18th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. I have to inform you that the section of the Coinage Act of 1873 requiring a charge for copper alloy to be made on deposits for gold coin is not repealed by the recent act to provide for specie payments, and you will accordingly continue to make the charge.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

January 18th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to purchase three Hundred Thousand ounces silver bullion at the lowest market rate, and not exceeding one dollar and twelve and a half cents per ounce standard, and pay for the same with gold coins from the Bullion Fund.

You will give such notice of the proposed purchase as will allow the public to compete for the sales.

A daily statement of purchases under this authority will be made to the Director.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Approved: B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasy.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Jany 18th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the oaths of Office of the following persons whose appointments were this day approved, viz:

Coiner's Department.

W. E. Deering	Workman.
Emma Morgan.	Adjuster.
H. T. Blanchard	"
Annie E. Rip.	"
Susie Coffee	"
H. A. Chipman	"
M. M. Eschenberg	"
Helen Parris	"
Sarah Burrell	"
Jennie Morgan	"
C. T. Phillips	"
Addie Carter	"
Ann S. Bellan	"

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Jany 18th. 1875.

Q. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. of Construction, &c.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of letter dated 9th. inst. and also two of the 11th. inst. referring to the fact that disbursing Agent Shannon declined to pay certain bills of the late Supt. Eckfeldt, and yourself, without special authority from the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have called the attention of the Secretary to this embarrassing condition of affairs, and Mr. Shannon will be instructed by letter today to pay the bills and accounts against the Machinery Construction Fund, under the same rules, regulations and instructions, as were observed during the time Mr. Eckfeldt was Superintendent of Machinery and that in case of bills and accounts which were certified by Mr. E. and yourself as Commissioners, if Mr. E. were living, your signature as surviving Commissioner will be sufficient.

I suppose the instructions above referred to, will cover the case fully, and that instructions as to particular bills and accounts are unnecessary.

In connection with this subject, I beg to say, that the statement requested in my letter of Dec. 17th. 1874, has not yet been received from you, and it is important that a statement of all liabilities against the Machinery Fund, should be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment.

The Supervising Architect declines to recommend any remittance of funds until Statements which will enable him to ascertain precisely how the account stands, have been received from yourself and Mr. McCulloch.

Very respectfully

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 18th 1875. ✓

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to purchase one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of silver bullion, at the rate of one hundred and twelve and a half cents per ounce standard, and pay for the same in gold coin from the Bullion Fund.

In making the proposed purchase, you will give such notice as will allow the public to compete for the sales.

A daily statement of purchases made under this authority will be transmitted to the Director.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Approved:
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

Jany 18th 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 11th inst. you are hereby authorized to pay from your Contingent Fund the sum of $280. for the small balance manufactured for the use of the Custom House, San Francisco upon the Collector of the Port turning over to you the large scale mentioned for the use of the Coiner of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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January 18th 1875.

J. B. Shannon, Esq.
Disbursing Agent
San Francisco.

Sir:

In paying the bills and accounts incurred and certified by C. H. LaGrange, Supt. of fitting up machinery of the new Mint, you will be governed by the same rules and instructions which were observed by you when J. M. Eckfeldt was the Supt of Machinery.

In the case of accounts and bills of similar character to those paid while Mr. Eckfeldt was Supt. of Machinery, on the certificate of two of the Commissioners, Eckfeldt and LaGrange, it will be necessary only to have the certificate of the surviving Commissioner.

Very respectfully
B. H. Bristow
Secretary.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

January 18th 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of January, 1875, has been approved for $2,677.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries,	1875	$895.00
Wages of Workmen	1875	1,282.00
Contingent Expenses	1875	500.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

M. W. Ransom.

Jan. 18th. 1875.

U. S. Senator, Capitol.

The same reasons for continuing Boise Assay Office apply to Charlotte.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Hon. James Pollock

January 18th. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office New York has this day been instructed to ship to the Mint at Philadelphia, one hundred thousand ounces (100,000.) fine silver bullion to be coined into Dimes.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

January 18th. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th. inst. relative to the payment for Fire Proof Safes, purchased for the use of the Coiner and Assayer, you are hereby authorized and instructed to pay for the same out of your Contingent Fund for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Janᵧ 18th 1875.

J. G. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of December 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Janᵧ 18th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

You neglected to forward the Official oath of Miss. Honora Saunders, Adjuster in your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jan. 18th 1875.

Thomas E. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to transmit one hundred thousand ounces fine silver to the Philadᵃ Mint for manufacture and return to you in Dimes.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Janᵧ 18th 1875.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir: Your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending December 31st 1874, is received.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Jany 18th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. enclosing triplicate certificate of deposit for $1,057.93. on account of Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco Cal. for 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Jany, 18th 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find voucher No. 138, belonging to your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of October 1874, returned for correction.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Jan. 18th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing Certificate of Deposit for two Thousand four hundred and seventy-five 88/100 dollars being the proceeds of Flux and Sweeps Bars, for fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Janry 19th. 1875.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

There does not appear to be in connected form any paper or printed document showing precisely what the regulations and accounts kept in connection with the transfer of bullion and coin between the Mint and Assay Office, New York are, and in view of our expected large operations in silver it would appear to be proper and necessary that the entire subject should be carefully considered and revised regulations put in force.

The instructions originally prepared have no doubt been modified and amended from time to time until it must be impossible for any one to remember all essential points.

In order to expedite the preparation of new or revised regulations, I will thank you to state substantially the practice which has attained in conducting this business, and what modification you would deem necessary or advisable.

A careful revision of regulations and instructions contained in letters extending over a period of nearly twenty years and putting the same in convenient form will certainly be a decided advantage to all concerned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thomas B. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

January 19th 1875.

Sir:

In examining your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of December, 1874, I find that the following employés in the Coiners' Dept. have been paid in excess of the compensation authorized, viz:

W. H. Keith, Second Assistant, paid $7.00 per diem, for 27 days, approved for $6.75 per diem; amount overpaid $6.75.

Ed. Burrell, Weigher, paid $7.00 per diem for 27 days, approved for $6.75 per diem; amount overpaid $6.75,

J. S. Babcoy, Assistant Weigher, paid $6.50 per diem, for 27 days, approved for $6.25; amount overpaid $6.75

The sum of these overpayments $20.25 will be disallowed in the settlement of your account, and it will be necessary that the amounts overpaid be refunded.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Job Cleveland, Esq.

Janry 19th 1875.

Treas. Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me at what price your Company will furnish the best crucibles for the use of the Mints of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 19th 1875.

Sir:

After a protracted and patient examination of the subject of Silver bullion in connection with the operations of the Assay Office at New York, and Mint at Philadelphia, in which all parties concerned were fully heard, it was decided and agreed upon in August last, that all invoices sent from the New York Assay Office should be in fine silver.

Mr. Acton in his letter of Aug. 12, 1874 proposed that that course should be pursued until otherwise instructed by the Director, and I supposed that its conclusion was acquiesced in by both the Mint and Assay Office, and would be regarded as a regulation until further instructions were issued.

It appears from your letter of yesterday, and the enclosed communication from Prof. Booth, that some of the Officers of the two Institutions, thought it proper to enter into a new arrangement upon the subject, and send bullion of a different class, without conferring with this Office.

After this change had been tried, and found to be attended with the same unsatisfactory results as those complained of before the change in August, 1874, you notified the Superintendent that none but fine silver will be received from his office, and report the fact for my information.

It appears to me that before changing the practice, it would have been very proper to have conferred with this office, or at least to

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have referred to the conclusion arrived at in Aug. 1874, and under which for several months, none but fine silver was transmitted, and all complaints between the two Institutions were removed.

The change in the recent practice having been brought about by an informal correspondence, between the Melter and Refiner of your Mint, and the Melter and Refiner of the Assay Office, I have to request that you will furnish me with copies thereof, and also of the correspondence between yourself and the Superintendent of the Assay Office, New York.

The legal right of the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia to decide whether he will receive none but fine silver from the New York Assay Office, will have to be considered and decided by the proper authorities, as, if adhered to, it might render necessary, the exclusion in our contemplated purchases of certain foreign Silver Coins, which might otherwise be advantageously obtained, and as the question appears to have arisen, it may as well be decided.

Mr. Acton has been requested to furnish an explanation as to changing the rule agreed upon, and I am quite certain that Mr. Mason was perfectly aware that any change would not receive my approval, and that Mr. Acton in assenting to it, did so without reflecting that it would change the plan which had been approved by this Office.

In all the rules and instructions emanating from or approved by this Office, I have been especially careful to have the

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Melter and Refiners accounts well protected, and I shall keep the same point pleadily in view in the future, but it shoned be remembered that the recent difficulty to which he has been subjected, was brought about by ignoring the agreement of august last, and without the approval of this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Jany 19th 1875.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 15th instant, you are authorized to afford the parties alluded to by you every opportunity to purchase the sweeps on hand at your Office at the price fixed by my letter under date of October 26th, 1874, which is modified so far as to allow silver coin to be paid for the silver contained in the sweeps.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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ram. Superintendent Mint. Jany 19th 1875.
Carson City, Nevada.

Five tons shipped from Baltimore, December twenty ninth, by Continental Line of Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, care D. W. Earl, Sacramento, and duplicate Bill of Lading sent you.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nevada.

January 19th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your dispatch of the 18th inst. inquiring if Copper had been shipped, the following telegram was sent:

"Superintendent U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nevada.

Five tons shipped from Baltimore, December twenty ninth by Continental Line of Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, care D. W. Earl, Sacramento, and duplicate bills of lading sent you."

I also enclose herewith a copy of the letter of this office under date of December 31st 1874. Notifying you of the shipment of five tons of Copper and enclosing duplicate bill of lading.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr.
Philadelphia.

Janry 19th 1875.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby authorized and requested to manufacture and ship to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, Cal^a Two Pair of cast steel Rolls, at a cost not exceeding $1,000. per pair, as early as practicable.

You will send your bills in duplicate to this office accompanied by Bills of Lading upon which the freight at through rates should be stated.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Janry 19th. 1875.

Sir;

I have received a communication from the Superintendent of the Philada Mint, in relation to the recent receipt there of certain Silver Bullion from your Office, and which appears to have been forwarded after an informal correspondence between Prof. Booth and Mr. Mason.

The result of the somewhat protracted consideration of this subject in 1873-74, led us to decide in August last, that none but fine silver would be forwarded from your Office to the Mint for Coinage, and you informed me in your letter of the 12th. of that month, that all invoices would be sent in fine silver until otherwise ordered by the Director.

I suppose that you assented to the arrangement of the two officers referred to, without thinking that it would be abrogating in effect the instructions of August last.

The decision of the Superintendent at Philadelphia to receive none but fine silver, will at any time, should circumstances require it, be subject to revision, and the ruling of the Director of the Mint, more particularly as in our large expected Silver operations, we may receive foreign silver coins of fineness and quality equal to our own, and which are not to be placed in the same category with silver bullion naturally alloyed with copper.

For the present, and until further instructions from this Office, fine silver only will be transmitted from your Office to the Philada Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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M. F. Bonzano, Esq.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Jany 19th 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 15th inst. you are hereby authorized to procure a new boiler to drive the Assayer's Agitator, and pay for the same out of the appropriation for Repairs and Apparatus.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.

Jany 19th 1875.

Sir:

Please send me by return mail one Trade Dollar, with Bill for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Jany 19th 1875.

Sir:

Your Bullion Accounts for the fourth quarter, 1874, are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.

Assayer &c. Boise City, Idaho.

Jany 19th 1875.

Sir: Your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of December 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Prof. J. E. Hilgard
U. S. Coast Survey
Washington, D.C.

Janry 20th 1875.

Sir:

Under the provisions of the 48th. Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, the President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins reserved by the several mints during the year 1874.

The Commission will assemble at the mint in Philadelphia on the 10th. day of February next and probably be in session for two or three days.

The law does not authorize any compensation for your services, but your necessary expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner will be reimbursed to you by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia mint.

Please notify me of your acceptance of the appointment.

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman Director.

Similar letter addressed to

George W. Childs Esq.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Prof. R. E. Rogers
Philadelphia, Pa.

Prof. George Hewston
San Francisco, Cal.

Dr. Thomas E. Jenkins
Louisville - Ky.

Robert Patterson Esq.
Philadelphia, Pa.

J. M. Herrick Esq.
Boston, Mass.

Prof. J. F. L. Schirmer
Denver, Colorado.

Prof. E. W. Morley
Hudson, Ohio.

Hon. Samuel Hooper
Chairman Coinage Com.
House of Representatives.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

January 28th, 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I deem it my duty to call your attention to the necessity of procuring an increase in the salary of the Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada. The compensation allowed that Officer under existing laws is only Three Thousand dollars ($3,000.) per annum a sum entirely disproportionate to the duties and responsibilities of the Office, and should in my opinion be increased to $4,500. and which would place it upon an equality with the Salary of the Superintendents at the other Mints.

I also recommend that the compensation of the Cashier of the Mint at Carson be increased from $2,000. to $2,500. per Annum.

The Carson Mint is separating and coining the precious metals to its full capacity, and should be kept in efficient condition.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

January 20th, 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Accounts for the month of December, 1874.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

January 20th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday in relation to the proposed purchase of silver bullion, I think it would be well for you to do nothing more for the present than to personally call upon such parties in Philadelphia as are known to you to be dealers in bullion, and advise them that you are authorized to make purchases and pay for the same in gold.

I think that as we progress in coining under the new law, the refinery at your mint will have to be called into requisition, and a market will thereby be made for washoe bars; but as parties shipping such bars from the extreme West are, as a general thing, compelled to draw against the same at the time of shipment, the agency of bankers will probably be employed.

The house of Drexel & Co. being known as one of unquestioned financial standing, I suggest that you have a conference with that firm, and suggest to them the propriety of their seeking consignments of washoe bullion.

Just at present it is not probable that we will get any amount of silver at 1.12½ per standard ounce, but that we shall soon be able to purchase at that, or lower rates, there would appear to be no doubt. The recent heavy storms and cold weather in the west, has temporarily interrupted the production and transportation of silver bullion, and the market has advanced a little in consequence. From the most reliable information obtained, it is

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almost certain that the Comstock Lode will alone yield sufficient silver to keep all the mints steadily at work, and as stated in a previous letter, we will best consult the economical conveyage of silver bullion to give preference to fine silver, or silver contained in bullion requiring separation by the acid process.

I give you these general ideas in order that you may be advised of our probable course, which may, however, be modified according to circumstances.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Jany 20th 1875. 20

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in reference to the condition of the silver market.

The course pursued by you was very proper, and I thank you for the full information given upon the subject.

We shall adhere to the rates fixed until such time as the market is fully supplied from the West, in the meantime, please keep me advised of the condition of the market.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia.

Jany 20th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst. proposing to sink an Artesian well on the mint premises in order to insure a sufficient and certain supply of water, I have to request your opinion as to the certainty of the proposed well yielding a sufficient supply of water.

Although I have no special knowledge upon the subject I suppose that water would be reached by the time the boring had arrived at the level of the two Rivers.

I should be pleased to have an expression of your views on the point mentioned, before making application for the necessary appropriation.

The item for "one annealing furnace $10,000." voted by the House of Representatives has been increased by the Senate to $15,000. and will no doubt be concurred in by the House.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Philada. Mint

Jan. 20th 1875.

Sir:

The coinage of half dollars will be proceeded with, and you will manufacture as large an amount of that denomination and Dimes, as is practicable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. Philad.a Pa.

Jan. 20th. 1875.

Sir:

Dr. Toner, a prominent member of the Medical Faculty, called upon me this morning & desired to ascertain the minimum cost of having 500 bronze copper medals struck at the mint from the Nathan R. Smith Dies, engraved by & in the hands of Mr. Barber. Dr. Toner informs me that the Am. Med. Asso. will require 500 medals annually. I would be glad if you will furnish me with the probable cost of the medals, and give the items on which the same is based.

Very truly

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia.

Jan'y 20th. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th. inst. transmitting a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, requesting that the coining of certain invoices of Silver be changed from Half Dollars to Dimes, the following telegram was sent you this day.

"Superintendent Mint Philadelphia."

"The silver bullion referred to in your letter of yesterday may be made into Half Dollars."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Thos. C. Acton, Jan. 20th 1875.

Supt. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

The Superintendent at Philad.a has this day been instructed to commence the manufacture of Half Dollars in addition to Dimes. A part of your Invoices, therefore, will be returned to you in Half Dollars instead of all Dimes as heretofore instructed.

These instructions will not prevent you from requiring any particular denomination required to pay for Silver Bullion purchased at 116 cents per ounce up to and including Feb. 12th 1875. – but I suppose you have a sufficient stock on hands of all denominations.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock Jan. 20th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a Pa.

Sir:

As you are aware the Annual Assay Commission will assemble at your Mint on the second Wednesday in February 10th proxo.

I have respectfully to request that you will make the necessary arrangements for the Assay &c. and for entertaining the Commission during its session.

The number of Special Commissioners designated by the President is Ten.

I will have Mr. M. V. Davis come over on the 8th proxo, for the purpose of comparing statements &c.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman – Director.

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James Crawford, Esq
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Jany 20th. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office with a statement showing the condition of the Bullion Fund of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Statement should exhibit items as follows:

In Gold coin
" Trade Dollars
" Subsidiary Silver coin.
" Gold Bars
" Silver "

Balance gold in course of manufacture.
" Silver " " " " "

H. R. L.

Herman Faber, Esq.

2039 Brandywine St.
Philadelphia.

Jan. 20th. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of Dec. 8th. 1874. requesting you to prepare designs for the Metis medal, and for a Life Saving Medal of the 2d. class, I will thank you to inform me what progress you have made with the work, and how soon you will be able to submit the designs for my examination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esqr. Jany 20th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

You were this day instructed to coin Half Dollars and Dimes, as rapidly as practicable by a telegraphic dispatch in the following words:

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco.

"Coin Half Dollars and Dimes as rapidly as practicable from Silver Bullion Fund".

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint Jan. 20th. 1875.

San Francisco.

Coin Half Dollars and Dimes as rapidly as practicable from Silver bullion fund.

H. R. Linderman

Director

Telegram. R. E. Rogers Jan. 20th, 1875.

1004 Walnut St. Philad'a.

I cannot come over, will expect you to come here Thursday.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Telegram. Supt. Mint Jany 20th. 1875.

Philadelphia.

The silver bullion referred to in your letter of yesterday may be made into Half Dollars.

H. R. Linderman,

Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

January 25th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of December, 1874.

Your attention is respectfully called to the compensation paid the following persons employed in the Coiner's Department, the same being in excess of the amounts approved by me, viz:

Wm. H. Keith, Second Assistant paid at the rate of $7.00 per diem for 27 days, approved for $6.75; amount overpaid $6.75.

Ed. Burrell, Weigher, paid $7.00 per diem for 27 days, approved for $6.75; amount overpaid $6.75.

J. S. Babcock, Assistant Weigher, paid $6.50 per diem, for 27 days, approved for $6.25 amount overpaid $6.75.

The sum of these overpayments ($20.25) should be disallowed in the settlement of the Account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st. Auditor.

January 25th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of December, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock — Jan. 20th 1875.

Supt. &c. Mint Philad.a

Sir:

The Supt of the Assay Office N.Y. has this day been advised that a portion of his Invoices will be coined and returned in Half Dollars instead of all Dimes as heretofore instructed.

The Assay Office having abut $700.000. Sub. Sid. Silver coin on hand will be able to settle for all silver sales up to 12th Feb. (when the provision allowing silver coins to be paid for silver purchases expires by limitation) without reference to returns from the Mint, except as to Grade Dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Balbach & Son. — January 20th 1875.

Newark. N.J.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 18th inst. and am extremely obliged to you for the trouble taken to furnish the information I requested.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. — January 20th 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have this day referred your Ordinary Expense Account for December, 1874, to the First Auditor for adjustments.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. January 20th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day transmitted to the First Auditor for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account, for the month of December, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. January 11th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Official oath of Mrs. M. Watson, Adjuster in the Coiners Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Janry 20th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. returning voucher No. 138 belonging to your account of Ordinary Expenses, for the month of October 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Telegram. Dr. George Hewston Jan. 20th 1875.
San Francisco.

The President has appointed you an Assay Commissioner. Notify me of your acceptance.

H. R. Linderman - Director Mint.

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Hon. D. W. Mahany
1st. Auditor.

Jany 20th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expence Accnnt of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the month of December 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Jany 21st. 1875.

Sir:

Having under consideration plans for a Sulphuric Acid Refinery in connection with the new Mint at San Francisco, I am desirous of having a comprehensive description of the operation of parting Gold and Silver by the Sulphuric Acid process as conducted at your Office.

Please have Mr. Mason furnish a description of all the details, and particularly the treatment after the Silver has been dissolved, and following both the Gold & Silver from the time they are put in the iron pots for boiling, until after it is pressed into cakes or melted into bars.

It is my intention to adopt at San Francisco the latest improvement in the process, whether made in this Country, or in Europe.

I should be pleased to receive the information as early as may be convenient.

The simplest plan would be for Mr. Mason to describe, first "The apparatus", second "A run of Bullion through the Refinery" giving quantity, operated upon, time required &c.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. Thomas S. Ashe.

Jan. 21st 1875.

House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of yesterday requesting my opinion as to the propriety and policy of continuing the Assay Office at Charlotte N. C.a, and whether Charlotte would not be one of the most suitable points in the South for the distribution of specie, under the provisions of the finance bill, recently passed by Congress.

As to the inquiry respecting the continuing of Assay facilities at Charlotte, I reply that although the Gold production of that section is quite limited at present, producers would feel very sensibly the discontinuance of U. S. Assays at that point. The producers of bullion in that locality are as a general thing men with very limited means and are compelled to sell their bullion at home, and cannot await returns from Philad.a or New York.

The Assay Office being established and in successful operation at an Annual Expense of only $4,500. and which sum does not much exceed the amount which would be required for the care and preservation of the premises, it would in my opinion be as well to continue the Office.

To your second inquiry I reply that Charlotte would in my opinion be one of the most suitable and convenient points in the South for distributing silver coins.

Very respt.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. Laligrange, Esq.
Supt. of Machinery &c.
San Francisco. Cal.

Jany 21st. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst. requesting that 2 pairs of steel rolls be purchased for your mint, I have to inform you that Messrs. Morgan & Orr, of Philadelphia, have been given the order, and promise to manufacture and ship the rolls at the earliest period practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Bluford Wilson, Esq.
Solicitor, U. S. Treasury.

Jany 21st. 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for examination and certificate the Official Bond of Maximilian T. Bonzano, as Supt. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr.
Philadelphia.

Jany 21st. 1875.

Gentlemen:

I wills thank you to inform me at what price per pound Copper cannisters can be obtained for.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

O. H. Laligrange, Supt. Machinery
Mint U. S. San Francisco.

Jan. 21st. 1875.

Please send immediately duplicates of all unpaid bills and accounts for fitting up new mint.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Crawford Esqr.
Superintendent &c.
Carson, Nev.

January 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th. inst. in reply to a communication from this office dated the 6th inst. calling for the "amount of the appropriations for Salaries, Wages and Contingent Expenses respectively embraced in the certificates" Nos. 837 and 838. forwarded in your letter of the 28th ult. By reference to your letter of above date you will perceive that the information requested was not contained Therein.

I will thank you to forward the same at your early convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S. Philada.

Janry 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, New York under date of the 21st inst. advising me of the shipment on that day of 118.747.89 ozs fine silver to the Mint Philadelphia which with 55.316.20 ozs forwarded on the 14th inst. makes a total of 174.064.09 ozs fine or 193.209.09 of standard metal. I will thank you to inform me of the time required to convert this bullion into Half Dollars and Dimes, running the regular working hours to your full capacity for such coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon.
1st. Auditor.

Janry 22d. 1875.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the quarter ended Dec. 31st. 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

January 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I have received the Official oath of Mrs. Amsbary whose appointment as Adjuster in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint was approved this day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

January 22d. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th. inst. enclosing Transcript showing the condition of your Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Jany 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the sum of One Dollar and Ten cents silver, in payment for the Trade Dollar transmitted on the 20th. inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Powers & Weightman
Philadelphia.

January 22d. 1875.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to give me the price at which you would furnish the Mints of the U.S. with Corrosive Sublimate, and Chemically Pure Nitric Acid.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Jany 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment your Bullion a/c for the quarter ending December 31st. 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Telegram.

Prof. George Hewston
San Francisco, Calª.

Jany 22d. 1875.

Philadelphia Mint, February tenth.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Isaac Phillips, Esq.
No. 59 Liberty St.
New York.

Jany 23d. 1875.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in reference to the valuation of the Franc and Silver Rouble, respectively.

You state that in the first Circular under the Act of March 3, 1873, the value of the Franc was fixed at 19 3/10 cents, and that of the Rouble at 77 17/100 cents, U. S. Money, while in the second Circular (1875) the value of the last named unit is stated to be 73.04 You further state that both being Silver Coins, you are at a loss to understand why there should be a difference in the value of the Rouble, while the Franc remains unchanged.

In reply, I have to state that in the case of the Franc, the basis of estimation is the pure gold contained in the Standard Gold coins of France, and the United States.

When the first estimation of values under the new law was made, the value in U.S. money of the Standard Silver Coins of the different nations, was computed on the assumption that the relative value of Silver and Gold was as 15½ to 1, that being the proportion or legal rate in the coinages of the different countries of the double Standard. On this basis, the value of the Rouble is 77.17 cents.

When we came to make the estimate of values for 1875, it was deemed proper to recognize the fall in the value of Silver which has recently taken place, and which appeared to be permanent; and the average market rate of Silver for 1874 having corresponded substantially

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to the Silver Trade Dollar valuation, the latter was adopted as the basis of estimating and expressing in the money of the United States the value of Silver Coins representing certain monetary units, and among them the Rouble of Russia, and as having the additional merit of giving a fixed rate for estimating the value of foreign standard silver coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Jany 23d. 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your reference to this office of Mr. Satasa's communication of the 20th inst. and transmit herewith a copy of my letter of this date to that gentleman, which will show the disposition made of the application.

The propriety of undertaking the execution of this Coinage in view of our operations in the Coinage of Silver, will be considered when Mr. Satasa shall have presented an application in the manner and through the channels indicated in my letter to him.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S. Carson, Nev.

Jany 23d. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing corrected Bullion Accounts, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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F. Salasa, Esq. Jany 23d. 1875

Vice President Commercial Wares
Housing Co. of New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia inquiring as to the charge the Mint would make for coining certain silver pieces, has been referred to this office.

Assuming that the coinage referred to, is intended for a foreign country, I have to inform you that the Act of Jany 29th 1874, authorizes coinage to be executed at the mints of the United States for any Government applying for the same, according to the legally prescribed standards and devices of such country.

It will therefore be necessary for you to make application to the Secretary of State, stating at the same time, the name of the country in behalf of which the application is made, and authority under which you are acting.

A communication to the Secretary of State containing the information above indicated, will, no doubt, receive prompt attention.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor Jany 23d. 1875.
1st. Comptroller

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your Office, the Official Bond of Maximilian D. Bonzano, Supt. U. S. Mint at New Orleans, executed in the sum of $10,000.00 under a Commission issued by the President of the United States, bearing date of December 15th. 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Gob Cleveland, Esq.

January 23d, 1875.

Treas. Dixon Crucible Co.
Jersey City, N.J.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. giving the price at which you will furnish the Mints of the U. S. with the best crucibles, is received.

I will thank you to give me the prices at which your company will furnish crucible covers, Stirrers and Dripping Cups. I will also thank you to inform me of the probable cost of shipping crucibles &c. to San Francisco by sailing vessels and as slow freight by Steamer, so that I may be able to form an approximate estimate of the cost delivered at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Maximilian G. Bonzano, Esq.

Jany 23d, 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your Official Bond as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, has been approved and transmitted to the First Comptroller of the Treasury for file in that Office.

I enclose herewith your commission.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

January 25th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Section 2. of the Act to provide for the resumption of Specie payments, approved January 14, 1875, repeals so much of Section 3524 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as provides for a charge of one fifth of one per centum for converting Standard gold bullion into coin. As the Section now stands, it requires a charge to be made for copper alloy of Gold coins.

Assuming the gold coinage to be at the rate of $40,000,000. per annum, the total cost of the copper alloy in the same would be $3,685.71, the price of copper generally averaging 25 cents per pound avoirdupois.

I am of the opinion that so much of the Section as requires the copper alloy charge to be made, should be repealed, and for the reason that the whole amount of the charge will be less than the clerical expenses of calculating the value of the alloy on each deposit, and carrying the item through all the accounts.

I respectfully request that you will consider the propriety of having H. R. Bill 2878, now pending in the Senate, amended, so that it will read as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of Section 3524 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as provides for a charge for copper used for alloy, is hereby repealed, and no charge shall hereafter be made for the same, and said section is hereby, so amended that it shall read as follows; That

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the charge for converting Silver into Trade Dollars, for melting, for refining when bullion is below standard, for toughening when metals are contained in bullion which render it unfit for coinage, for separating the gold and silver when these metals exist together in the bullion, and for the preparation of bars, shall be fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, so as to equal but not exceed, in their judgment the average cost to each Mint and Assay Office, of the materials, labor, wastage, and use of machinery employed in each of the cases afore mentioned.

The Bill if so amended and passed, will leave the subjects of charge precisely as they are at present, except that of the copper alloy.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

G. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco.

January 25th 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Office what variation from legal standard is allowed at your Mint in reporting Silver Ingots.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco, Cal.

January 25th 1875.

Sir:

I have obtained the following quotations in the Philadelphia and New York markets:
Divine's Black Lead crucibles (equal to the very best manufactured anywhere) 3 cents a number, Covers and Dippers in proportion.
Copper Cannisters 50 cents per pound.
Corrosive Sublimate $1.70 " "
Nitric Acid, (Chem. pure,) 18 cents " ".

Unless dealers in your market can supply these articles at the above rates, and adding a fair margin for freight, it will be necessary for you to send your orders here in future for these supplies.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
Carson City. Nev.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Janry 25th 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 23d inst. respecting rejected Silver ingots during the month of December ultimo.

While I defer expressing any opinion upon the subject until the receipt of the report called for, I must say that much of the difficulty must be due to imperfectly refined

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silver. I have no faith whatever in the so-called refining as done at the Assay Office of silver naturally alloyed with copper, - such silver should be subjected to acid refining and the resulting silver melted with nitre to insure the expulsion of remaining base metals.

As soon as I am relieved from the press of duties here, it is my purpose to give the mode of refining silver at the Assay Office, a thorough overhauling.

There appears to be an indisposition to undertake the more expensive methods of treatment lest it should necessitate an increase of charges on certain grades of bullion. This is all well enough, so long as it does not bring such results as we have been contending with during the last few years, and now that we are entering upon extensive mining operations the matter must be put in shape to insure the receipt of bullion in a condition suitable for alloying with copper. We have no such difficulties at San Francisco and much less at Carson. The excess of condemned ingots at Carson, as compared with San Francisco is due in my opinion to occasional receipts of low grade bullion resulting from the working of the mill tailings as they are called.

At San Francisco the silver all comes from the acid refinery in the shape of fine bars.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Jany 25th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I respectfully invite your attention to the enclosed letters from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, dated the 7th and 23d inst. together with a copy of a letter from Mr. James C. Booth, Melter and Refiner of that institution relative to the necessity of an Artesian well, for the supply of water for the use of the Mint, and submitting an estimate of the probable cost thereof.

The grounds assigned for this necessity are, in my judgment, good and sufficient, while the benefits accruing therefrom would, in the contingencies alluded to in Mr. Pollock's communication, be incalculable.

I therefore respectfully request that you cause an estimate to be made for the sum asked for ($10,000.) and submit the same to the Committee on Appropriations - with your favorable recommendation that it may be appropriated for in the Sundry Civils Bills.

I have the honor to be, &c,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. M. Joner, Esq.

Jany 26th 1875.

Washington - D. C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, estimates the cost of the Nathan R. Smith's Medals (copper bronzed) at $1.00 each.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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A. G. Bonnell, Esq.
No. 1110 Green St.
Philadelphia.

January 26th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your note of the 23d inst. I have to say that you state the case rather strongly when you say I promised you a position. What I did say, was, that I would do my best to find you a position, and that I still adhere to, but it will not be prudent for you to rely with perfect confidence on my being able to obtain it for you.

A man of your experience must know that a position, such as you desire, is always sought for by numerous local residents. It is therefore difficult to provide for persons residing in another State.

I will bear your case in mind, and do the best I can for you. It is due to frankness, however, to say, that I see no immediate prospect of being able to obtain a place for you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Crawford,
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City.

January 26th 1875.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of December 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Q. Hon. Sec'y Granger, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco.

January 26th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a memorandum of a conference between the Director of the Mint and Prof. R. E. Rogers of the University of Pennsylvania, held at this office on the 22d. inst. for the purpose of considering the question of equipping a suitable Refinery in connection with the new Mint at San Francisco, and also the plans therein referred to.

You will see by the memorandum that we have determined to place the Refinery in the large room originally designed for that purpose, and the room originally intended for a museum or Cabinet, including also the space between the two rooms, and that we make no provision for the manufacture of sulphate of copper, but propose to sell the liquid, or conduct it into crystallizing vats hereafter to be placed, should they be required, in the hollow square within the building.

You will see further by reference to the memorandum, that it is deemed best that the Refinery should be equipped under the direction of the Officers of the Mint, and also that Prof. John Hewston should superintend and direct it construction. Upon receipt of this communication, I will thank you to confer with Prof. Hewston, and ascertain the terms upon which he will undertake the work, under arrangements agreed to by you and him, and subject to my approval.

By removing as contemplated, the blue vitriol vats from the large room in which they are indicated upon the plan, and substituting for the "dash wheel and lime" system, the arrange-

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ments of lead chambers for condensing the fumes, it is believed a greater increased capacity in refining and parting Gold and Silver, than 500,000 ounces per month, can be secured.

Indeed so many additional lead chambers may be constructed in the room, and so many additional dissolving pots placed around the stacks, as will, in all probability, nearly double the refining capacity of the Mint.

With a view to cleanliness and escape from the accident of breaking carboys containing oil of vitriol, it would be desirable to pump the acid from the basement floor to lead lined covered tanks on the floor above the centre of the Refinery, from which it can be drawn conveniently and safely into the dissolving pots.

Upon the same floor it is feasible to place tanks for both hot and cold water, which will be needed in working the Gold and Silver.

In connection with Prof. Newton, you will be able to see from the papers and plans transmitted, what is required, and I will thank you to so arrange a plan for carrying the same into effect, as early as practicable.

It is due to frankness to say, that the most important of the modifications, were suggested to me by Prof. Newton during my late visit to your city.

In view of the large amount of lead which it is proposed to use for condensing chambers, and for the protection of the building, it is probable that the cost of equipping the Refinery will exceed the estimate heretofore made, viz: $34.500.

You will therefore consider this point

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in connection with Prof. Newton, and advise me by telegraph as early as practicable, what the total cost will probably be.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

January 26th 1875.

Sir:

I have caused to be shipped to your address by Express, for the use of the library attached to your Mint, vols III and V, and accompanying Atlas, of Mr. Clarence Kings Report of the Geological Exploration of the 40th Parallel.

Please acknowledge their receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

- See page 451.

Cancelled

Similar letter addressed to

J. J. L. Schurmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of U. S.
Carson, Nev.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Janry 26th 1875.

Sir:

In a communication under date of June 22d 1874, to the Attorney of Prof. Miller, I informed him that I would be willing to recommend an Appro-

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-priation of $10,000. for the use of his patented process at the Mints and Assay offices, excepting the State of California, provided Prof. Miller should before the meeting of Congress signify his willingness to accept that sum.

I am now advised that he is willing to dispose of his patent on the terms stated in my letter, above referred to.

It has always been claimed that Prof. Miller's process would be a valuable one for refining and toughening, and I will thank you to furnish me at your earliest convenience, with your opinion and that of the Assayer and Melter and Refiner, as to whether it is desirable to use the Miller process at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The exception as to the State of California is made for the reason that Prof. Miller sold some years since his Patent for that State to a private party.

Hon. R. W. Taylor,
1st Comptroller,

Jany 26th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your Office the Official Bond of Alexander Martin, Melter and Refiner of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, executed in the sum of $10,000.00 under a Commission from the President of the United States bearing date of December, 18th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

January 26th 1875.

Sir:

In making inquiries in reference to the price of the various leading articles used by the U. S. Mints and Assay Offices; I find that the leading manufacturer quotes the best black lead crucibles at three (3) cents a number, covers and dippers in proportion, delivered free of charge at the Mint Philadelphia, and Assay Offices New York, and which appears upon examination to be much less than the mints are paying for the same.

I notice that you are paying ten dollars ($10.) per cord for oak wood, which appears to be rather high.

What objection is there to obtaining all the leading articles required by the Mint by inviting sealed proposals for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George M. Guion, Esq.
#111 Fall St.
Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Jany 26th 1875.

Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 22nd inst. I have this day caused to be mailed to your address, one copy each of my Reports, for the years 1873 and 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Herman Faber, Esq.

Philadᵃ Pa.

Janᵧ 26th 1875.

Dear Sir:

I have received your designs for the Obverse and Reverse of the Metis medals. The obverse is accepted and the reverse rejected. I invite your attention to the suggestions contained in in the memorandum attached to the design for the obverse and request that the design be altered accordingly. It is returned by Express today, and when altered will again be sent here. For the reverse we will adopt a wreath of oak surrounding space for inscriptions.

Please make the required alterations in the obverse design, and return to me as early as convenient.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Mr. Herman Faber.

#2039 Brandywine St. Philadelphia.

January 26th/1875.

Sir:

Referring to my communication of this date, in reference to the obverse design of the Metis medals, I have to inform you that I have shipped to your address. by Adams Express a photograph of the Light House on Watch Hill.

You will please examine it, and make such use of it in connection with the design as you see fit. - the same to be returned to this office by Express, at the expense of the Department, when you are done with it.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Alexander Martin, Esq.
Melter and Refiner, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your official Bond as Melter and Refiner of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, executed in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000.), has been approved and transmitted to the First Comptroller of the Treasury Department for file in that Office.

I send you enclosed herewith your Commission as Melter and Refiner, signed by the President of the United States, and bearing date of December 18th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Janry 26th 1875.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have informed Dr. Toner that your estimated price for the Nathan R. Smith medal is $1.00

I believe the rule has always been to add 25 per cent to the actual cost of a medal, and I think this a fair profit to cover contingencies, and should be adhered to in all cases.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Cancelled - See page 451.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

January 26th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have caused to be shipped to your address, by Express, for the use of the library attached to your Assay Office, vols. III and V, and accompanying Atlas, of Mr. Clarence King's Report of the Geological Explorations of the 40th Parallel. Please acknowledge their receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

January 27th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. San Francisco.

Sir.

I transmitted to you yesterday, a memorandum and drawings of a plan agreed upon for the equipment of a Refinery at your Mint.

The drawings as originally prepared, embraced the use of the museum or Cabinet Room for crystallizing the Sulphate of Copper. The plan as modified devotes that room to a series of leaden condensing chambers.

It was thought best to leave the drawing of a plan and fixtures for the last named room, to the Chemist who might have the supervision of the work of construction. You will discuss this point with Genl. Hewston, and cause a modified plan to be exhibited by drawings.

In my letter of yesterday, I said nothing about the compensation to Genl. Hewston for his services, preferring to leave that point to be discussed and agreed upon by you and him.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Recalled for additional recommendations. See page 461.

Jany 27th 1875.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Prof. Jules Ansaron of Cambridge, Mass. has submitted to me impressions in lead of Medal Dies commemorative of the Declaration of American Independence, prepared in Paris, soon after the conclusion of the war of the Revolution.

From the correspondence of Mr. Jefferson in 1790-91, the dies above referred to, appear to have been termed the "Diplomatic Die", and from which, medals in Gold were to be presented in the name of the President of the United States to the Marquis de la Luzerne, and Count de Monstier. In the same correspondence directions were given to have the dies forwarded to Philadelphia, that city then being the seat of the national Government.

Having ascertained that the dies in question are not in the French Mint of Medals, it has occurred to me that they may possibly be in the State Department, and I respectfully request that you will confer with the Secretary of State upon the subject, and have the archives of that Department looked over with a view to the finding of the dies referred to, or any other medal dies of a national character.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

January 27th 1875.

Sir:

I have caused to be mailed to your address for the use of the library attached to the Mint, vols. III and IV, and accompanying Atlas, of Mr. Clarence Kings Report of the Geological Explorations of the 40th Parallel. Be pleased to acknowledge their receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson, Nev.

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

J. E. L. Schirmer Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Jany 27th 1875.

Sir:

I have caused to be mailed to your address, for the use of the library attached to the Assay Office, vols. III and IV, and accompanying atlas, of Mr. Clarence King's Report of the Geological Explora-tion of the 40th Parallel.

Be pleased to acknowledge their receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

January 27th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th. inst. enclosing Certificate of Deposit for $57. being the amount received for assays of Ore &c. from July 1st. to December 31st. 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Janiy 28th. 1875.

Sir:

I have received from Prof. Jules Marcou, Cambridge, Mass. lead impressions of the obverse and reverse of a pair of dies prepared in Paris under an order given for the same on the 30th. of April 1790, by Thomas Jefferson, - then Secretary of States.

Gold medals struck from these dies appear to have been presented by order of the President of the United States to the Marquis de la Luzerne, and Count de Moustier. The dies were ordered in 1790 to be sent to Philadelphia, at that time the seat of National Government, and their whereabouts at the present time, is unknown.

The medal was for presentation to diplomatic characters on their taking leave of the United States Government, and not to commemorate the Declaration of Independence as stated by Prof. Marcou.

Mr. Jefferson in his writings calls it the "diplomatic die," and the medal should, no doubt be designated as the "Diplomatic Medal of

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the United States.

I send you herewith the lead impressions, and have to request that you will cause a pair of dies to be engraved therefrom, and add the same to your list of public medals.

No alterations whatever must be made in the devices and inscriptions, and as far as it is practicable, the reproduction should be exact.

After the dies shall have been completed, and medals struck therefrom, you will send Prof. Jules Marcou, one copy in silver, four copies in bronze; and also, one bronze medal of Agassiz, and return to him the lead impressions, all free of expense, taking his receipt therefor.

I have agreed to furnish the above medals without charge as a consideration for bringing this subject to my attention, and the use of the lead impressions.

A proper voucher covering the transaction will be signed by me in order to have your accounts properly adjusted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint Jan. 28th 1875.

Carson.

At what discount on San Francisco price can Silver bullion be purchased at Carson payable in drafts on Sub Treasury in former City.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Hon. R. E. Benton

Jany 28th 1875.

Committee on Finance, U. S. Senate.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 7th inst. enclosing a Bill (S. 11,) to establish a Mint of the United States at Chicago, Illinois, referred by the Senate to the Committee on Finance, and requesting the views of this Department as to the necessity for the establishment proposed.

I am advised that there are ample facilities at Chicago for reducing ores, refining Silver and parting or separating Gold and Silver bullion, all conducted by private enterprise, and that city being at a point convenient for the receipt of ores and bullion from the Gold and Silver mining regions, and for distributing coins through the States of the Mississippi valley, coining facilities would appear to be required especially as the expense of transporting the bullion to the East for coinage, and return of the coins, would thereby be saved.

I would not however recommend the erection of an edifice to be used as a Mint in that City, as its construction would require from two to three years, and be attended with a greater expenditure than, in the present condition of the Country would appear to be advisable.

A suitable building in which to erect the necessary coining machinery and fixtures, could no doubt be rented or purchased on favorable terms to the Government, and be put in readiness for coining operations during the present year.

The Bill transmitted with your note appears to have been drafted without reference to the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873, and therefore requires to be modified in several essential

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particulars.

I enclose herewith a draft of bill containing all the necessary provisions, and suggest that in case of favorable action, it be substituted for the bill referred.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Chas. F. Conant
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

A Bill

to establish a Mint for the coinage of Gold and Silver at Chicago in the State of Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a Mint for the coinage of Golds and Silver be established at Chicago in the State of Illinois.

Sec. 2. That the said Mint shall be subject to and be conducted in conformity with, the coinage act of eighteen hundred and seventy three, and all the provisions of said act for the regulation of the Mints of the United States, and for the government of the Officers and persons employed therein, and for the punishment of all offences connected with the Mints or Coinage of the United States, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, in full force in relation to the Mint hereby established.

Sec. 3. That the Officers of said Mint shall be a Superintendent, an Assayer, a Melter and Refiner, and a Coiner, all to be appointed by the President of the United States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Sec. 4. That there shall be allowed to the

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Superintendent of said Mint an Annual Salary of four thousand five hundred dollars, and to the Assayer, Melter and Refiner and Coiner, an annual salary of three thousand dollars each.

Sec. 5. That the necessary assistants, clerks and workmen, shall be appointed as provided in the Coinage act of Eighteen hundred and seventy three, and shall receive respectively, such compensation for their services as may be provided for by law.

Sec. 6- That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to procure by rent or purchase, a suitable building for the use of said Mint.

Sec. 7- That for the purchase or rent of a suitable building, and for procuring the necessary machinery apparatus and fixtures for said Mint, and for the fitting up thereof, the sum of one hundred and seventy five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Janry 28th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to the enclosed copy of a communication from the Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada., I respectfully recommend that a transfer of $308,130.00 in gold coin be made to the Bullion Fund of that Mint in order to increase the same to $750,000.00 as requested by the Superintendent thereof.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

January 28th 1875.

Sir:

I return herewith Vouchers No. 80 and 81 of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of December 1874 for $101.11 and $118.88 respectively, on account of traveling expenses of Wm. Hy. Doane and James Crawford, together with a copy of Treasury Circular relating to allowances for traveling expenses.

It is necessary that these accounts should be made out in conformity with the requirements of this Circular, and that an affidavit accompany each, otherwise they will not be allowed by the accounting officers in the adjustment of your accounts.

Your attention is called to an error in the bill of R. Labarge, voucher #88 "For piling 536½ cords wood @ 25¢ coin $140.87 currency @ 90¢ 156.52".

The amount of this bill should be $149.02, and the difference - $7.50 will be disallowed in the settlement of the account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

Prof. Jules Marcou
Cambridge, Mass.

Jany 28th 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 15th inst. I have to inform you that I have, as suggested by Mr. Colbourn, requested an Examination to be made of the Archives of the State Department, to see if the Diplomatic Medal is to be found therein.

My note to the American Journal of Numismatics, was intentionally obscure, in order to call forth authentic information. As soon as the examination of the archives of the State Department is completed, I will inform you of the result.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. John P. Jones
U. S. Senate.

January 28th 1875.

My dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 25th inst. in reference to the accounting at the Carson Mint for 724 20/100 Standard ozs. of Silver, and respecting which there appears to be a difference of opinion between the Superintendent and the Melter and Refiner.

The item referred to is the wastage of the Melter and Refiner in excess of the legal allowance at the last annual settlement of his accounts, and must stand as a charge against him until relieved by an appropriation by Congress and for which an estimate was transmitted some days since to the Committee (H. R.) of appropriations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow,
Secretary of the Treasury.

January 29th 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit the accounts of the Publishers of the "Engineering and Mining Journal" for the Calendar year 1875 and the "Financier" from August 15" 1874 to August 15" 1875, for copies of those Journals furnished for the use of this office, and which I have to request you will cause to be paid.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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B. F. Stevens, Esq.

U. S. Dispatch Agent

17 Henrietta St.

Convent Garden, London.

Jany 29th 1875.

Sir:

I have to request that the following coins may be purchased in London, for the use of this office:

One 8 Florin-20 franc Gold coin of Austria.
" Silver Florin of Austria.
" 20 krown Gold coin of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.
" Gold coin, 100 Piastres of Egypt.
" Silver coin 20 Piastres of Egypt.
" Gold yen of Japan.
" Silver yen of Japan.
" Rupee of 16 annas (silver) of India.
" Florin (silver) of the Netherlands.
" Rouble of 100 Copecks (silver) of Russia.
" Gold coin of 5 Pesetas - Spain.
" Gold coin of 25 Piastres - Turkey.

Upon receipt of the coins, and a bill covering the cost of the same, I will forward to your address a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

San Francisco.

Jany 29th 1875.

Am not advised of any difficulty respecting Deficiency Appropriations. Plans and instructions for equipping Refinery were mailed on twenty-six instant.

H. R. Linderman -
Director.

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Jany 29th 1875.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to request that you will purchase the following coins, for the use of this office.

One	Gold Dollar	of	Bolivia.
"	" Peso	of	Bogota
"	Silver Dollar	"	Central America.
"	do	"	Ecuador.
"	do	"	Hayti
"	Gold Dollar	"	Liberia
"	" Peso	"	Paraguay
"	Silver Dollar	"	Peru.
"	Gold Peso	"	Porto Rico.
"	Silver Peso.	"	U. S. of Colombia.
"	Gold Patacon	"	Uruguay.
"	" Peso.	"	Chili.
"	" "	"	Cuba.

The Bill for the cost of the same will be transmitted to this Office for payment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jany 29th 1875.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of Ira L. Willits, Helper in the Melter and Refiner's Dept. and James Sackett, Yardman in the General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Jan'y 29th, 1875.

Sir:

Prof. Jules Marcou, of Cambridge, Mass, has submitted to me impressions in lead, of medal dies, prepared in Paris, soon after the conclusion of the war of the Revolution.

From the correspondence of Mr. Jefferson in 1790-91, the dies above referred to, appear to have been termed the "Diplomatic Die", and from which medals in gold were to be presented in the name of the President of the United States to the Marquis de la Luzerne and Count de Moustier. In the same correspondence, directions were given to have the dies forwarded to Philadelphia, that City then being the seat of the National Government.

Having ascertained that the dies in question are not in the French Mint of medals, it has occurred to me that they may possibly be in the State Department, and I respectfully request that you will confer with the Secretary of State upon the subject, and have the archives of that Department looked over with a view to the finding of the dies referred to, or any other medal dies of a National Character.

I would also recommend that the dies, if found, be sent to the Mint at Philadelphia, where dies of a National character are preserved, and where the greatest care is exercised in their preservation, and that bronze medals may be struck therefrom, and added to the list of public medals.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr.
Philadelphia.

Jany 29th 1875.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has made a requisition upon this office for a "New Centre Piece" for the Coining Press "Ajax" which I have to request that you will manufacture and ship without delay, forwarding your account in duplicate, accompanied by Bill of Lading to this office.

I will thank you to inform me how you account for the center piece of the "Ajax" giving out so soon.

You are requested to use the best steel to be obtained, and to exercise great care in the manufacture of the centre piece ordered, as the sudden giving out of the same would result in great embarrassment at the San Francisco Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Jany 29th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing your account for disbursements on account of Deficiency Appropriation during the month of December, 1874. is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. — Jany 29th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

You will please forward the package of books (Mineral Resources) referred to in your communication of yesterday to its proper Destination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Laskey, Esq. — Jany 29th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Official oaths of the following employés of your Mint, viz:

C. C. Dall, Workman in the Melter & Refiner's Dept.
C. W. Fisher, Helper in the Melter & Refiner's Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint — Jany 29th. 1875.

San Francisco.

Report by telegraph coinage different denominations, also amount Trade Dollars exported during January.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint — Jan. 29th. 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

Report by telegraph coinage by denominations for January.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. Philad.a Pa.

January 29th 1875.

Sir:

Please send statement of coinage executed during January, after close of business tomorrow.

Very respt. yrs
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Herman Faber, Esq.

2039 Brandywine St.
Philadelphia.

Janry 29th 1875.

Please be here to-morrow morning. Bring all designs with you, and stay with us one or two days. Your expenses will be paid.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

January 30th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a letter received by this office from Julius Merzbach Esq. San Francisco, enclosing draft drawn by "The Anglo Californian Bank" on Messrs J. & W. Seligman & Co. N.Y. for $200. in Gold, and requesting that 200 $1 gold pieces of the latest date be sent him.

I see no objection to complying with the request of Mr. Merzbach.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. January 30th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment your Account of Ordinary Expenses during the month of November 1874 together with the letter received from you relative to the Telegraph Bills.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. January 30th 1875.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Supplemental Account of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1873, is herewith returned for correction as indicated in pencil.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Janiy 30th 1875.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter received by this office from the Dijon Crucible Company, offering to furnish crucibles of the best quality at three (3) cents a number.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Jany 31st 1875.

Baron de Bussierre

Director of the Mint at Paris.

Sir:

I find I am under the necessity of again trespassing upon your time and kindness, but if the request I now make will pubject you to any inconvenience, I beg that you will not trouble yourself to furnish the information asked for.

The recent extensive developments on the great Comstock mines, in the State of Nevada, and the intended substitution of silver for the fractional currency now in circulation in the United States, renders it necessary to greatly increase our refining or separating facilities. We propose to equip in connection with the new Mint at San Francisco, a Sulphuric Acid Refinery of a capacity sufficient for separating from one million to one and a half million ounces troy, of silver per month.

The bullion from the great mine referred to, contains about sixty per cent of silver, and forty per cent of gold, and it is estimated that the gross production will not be less than three millions dollars per month, after the 1st of April next, and will increase considerably thereafter, as additional milling capacity is provided.

The world owes to France the great advantages derived from the Sulphuric acid process, and as French science and skill invented it, we naturally look to the same quarter for the latest improvements in the process.

I should be greatly obliged, if you would furnish me with a detailed description

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of the process as now conducted in your Country, and would be quite willing to make such compensation as you might deem proper, to any person, who, under your direction, would prepare the description requested; also for any drawings you may deem necessary to illustrate the plant of a Refinery, of the capacity above referred to.

It is our intention to equip the Refinery in two large rooms of the new Mint building, and conduct the sulphate of copper liquid into vats outside the building for crystallization.

Generally there is a fair market for blue vitriol, but if there is any process which admits of completing the refinery without the manufacture of that by-product, I should be glad to be informed accordingly.

With sentiments of high esteem
I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

Jany 30th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the months of November, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Julius Merzbach, Esq. Jany 30th 1875.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing draft drawn by "the Anglo Californian Bank" on Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. for $200. in gold and requesting that 200 $1. gold pieces be sent you, is received.

Your request will be complied with by the Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia to whom your letter & draft have been forwarded.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Jany 30th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Official oaths of the following employés of your Mint, viz:

Daniel Murray,	Workman.
D. J. Geargain	do
J. D. Boop	Watchman.
Thos. McAvey	do
Preston Curry	do
Charles Barlow	do.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

January 30th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment your supplemental a/c of Ordinary Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June, 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

January 30th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the fiscal year ending June, 30th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City.

January 30th 1875.

Sir:

The corrected Bullion accounts of your Mint for the third quarter, 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Monroe,
M. C.

February 1st 1875.

Dear Sir.

In reply to the inquiry contained in your favor of the 29th ult. I have to inform you that upon your recommendation, Prof. Edwin Morley of Ohio, was on the 19th ult. designated by the President as one of the Commissioners for testing the Gold and Silver Coinage, at the Philadelphia Mint, on the 10th inst. and has accepted the appointment.

Very respectfully
Chas. F. Conant
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Messrs. Thos. H. Emerson & Bro.
McKinney, Texas.

February 1st 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 25th ult. enclosing your draft on Messrs. Donnell Lawson & Co. New York for $300. and requesting that the amount be returned to you in five (5) cent nickels, is received.

Your letter has been referred to the Supt. of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, who will comply with your request.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

February 1st 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ult. enclosing account current of Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

The Statement of items composing the Bullion Fund, not received.

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Hon James Pollock

Feby 1st 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S. Mint, Philadª

Sir:

I have your letter of the 30th ult. enclosing Bill of R. A. McClure, for full set of U. S. proof coins, for Mint Cabinet.

There having been no alteration of devices or inscriptions of the Gold Trade Dollar, or minor coinage, it would not appear to be necessary to reserve specimens for the Cabinet. The arrow head having been omitted from the subsidiary Silver Coinage, Specimens should be reserved to show the change.

While entertaining the above view, I am not at all tenacious about the matter, and if you think it desirable to reserve a full set of the Coinage for the year, I will direct the payment of the amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. James Pollock

February 1st. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadª

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your Requisition for funds, for the month of February, 1874. You will perceive that the Requisition calls for $18,000.00 while the amounts asked for from the different appropriations make a total of $18,200.00

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Feby 1st. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. Philadª.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a letter from Thos. H. Emerson & Bro. of McKinney, Texas, enclosing their draft for $300. on Messrs. Donnell Lawson & Co. Bankers, New York, and requesting the amount be returned to them in five (5) cent nickels.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

February 2, 1875.

Sir:

On and after the 13th. day of February 1875, Silver contained in gold deposits, will be paid for in gold coin from the Bullion Fund, at the rate of one hundred and twelve and a half cents per ounce standard.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson.

Thos. L. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Feby 2d. 1875.

Sir:

On the 19th. ult. a letter was addressed you by this office relative to the contract of the Adams' Express Company for the transportation of Minor coins, to which no reply has been received from you.

I will thank you to give the matter your early attention.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Chas. Schriber, Esq.
Cashier 1st. National Bank
Oshkosh. Wis.

February 2d. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th. ult. addressed to the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this office.

I suppose your inquiry as to how soon the Mints will be ready to send change to the Banks in exchange for legal tenders, refers to the section of the law for the resumption of specie payments, requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem the fractional notes in Silver coins.

It will probably be some months before the amount of Silver coin necessary to commence such redemption, can be manufactured.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

February 2d. 1875.

Sir:

In forwarding the Bullion accounts of your predecessor, Mr. Frank D. Hetrick, for part of the 3d. quarter 1874, ending September 8, 1874, you neglected to furnish a "Sweep account."

You will please forward the same at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

February 2d 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February 1875, has been approved for the sums of $12,000. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1875	$2,800.—
Wages of Workmen, 1875	5,500.—
Contingent Expenses, 1875	3,700.—

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Feby 2d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 25th ult. I send you herewith form of Bond which you will please execute and forward to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

William A. Potter, Esq.

February 2d. 1875.

Supervising Architect.

Sir:

Will you please inform me whether the plans for the Assay Office at Helena, Montana Territory, have been completed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Feb. 2d. 1875.

Cannot you send one hundred thousand ounces Silver Bullion to Philadelphia. At what rate can you purchase fine Silver bars.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram. Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

Feby 2d. 1875.

What delays answer to my dispatch of 29th ult.? requesting Statement of January coinage.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

February 2d. 1875.

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the fourth quarter 1874 are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

February 3d. 1875.

Sir:

The bill of R. A. McClure amounting to $51. for Proof Coins of 1875 for Cabinet of the Mint has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

February 3d. 1875.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to purchase fifty thousand ounces of silver bullion, or any part thereof, at the lowest market rate, preference to be given to fine silver. You will not, however, make any purchase at a rate above 113/2 cents per standard ounce.

This authority will not include silver contained in gold deposits, in respect to which depositors will have the privilege of receiving payment in fine bars or trade dollars, in case they are not willing to receive payment in gold coin at the rate of 112/2 cents per standard ounce.

Very respectfully

Approved:
Chas. F. Conant
Actg Secretary Tr. Treasury

H. R. Linderman Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

February 3d. 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of February, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $18,200.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries - 1875 - $3,200.-
Wages of Workmen, 1875 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 15,000.-

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman Director.

Gov. Bill for Specimen Coins &c. has been approved. H. R. L.

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Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia, Pa.

February 3d 1875.

Sir:

On examining the "Instructions and Regulations," and also my letter to you of August 7th 1874 in relation to the disposition of grains &c. from the deposit melting room, I find that there is no positive direction that the Superintendent, and not the Melter and Refiner, shall have the custody of such grains &c.

At San Francisco and Carson, everything in the shape of bullion gathered from the deposit melting room, is retained by the Superintendent until the annual settlement, and afterwards the proceeds are paid into the Treasury of the United States, a rule requiring this course to be followed, having been prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury in the year 1869.

Instructions have been sent to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, to so arrange the melting furnaces in equipping the rooms hitherto occupied by private Bankers, as to admit of deposit melting being conducted separately from the Melter and Refiner's operations, and the control and custody of the grains &c. to pass from the Melter and Refiner, to the Superintendent.

If the grains which cannot be collected for individual deposits, and residual fluxes, and the sweeps of the deposit melting room are retained by the Melter and Refiner, you will cause the same, collected since the last annual settlement to be turned over to you, and hereafter they will be taken in charge by you and accounted for at the annual settlements.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman

Director

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

February 3d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Offices.
New York.

Sir:

I have received your favr of yesterday enclosing description of your Refinery, and describing the separating operation in detail.

You will please convey to the Melter & Refiner my thanks for the care taken by him to furnish me with an intelligent description of the Refining & separating operations as conducted by him.

It is fair that I should now state that while I desired the description to aid me in directing the equipment of a Refinery at San Francisco, I was at the same time looking after the causes of the large per centage of condemned ingots at the Philad.a Mint. Mr. Mann's operations appear to conform substantially with the operation as described by the best authorities.

I find that some of the best writers on the subject regard the use of nitre as a flux in melting, both the resulting gold and silver to eliminate any vestige of lead &c. as necessary.

It is not quite clear to my mind whether Mr. Mann does so with respect to gold. Please call his attention to this point.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Feby 3d. 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver. Col.

Sir:

Your Bullion Account for the fourth quarter 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

February 3. 1875.

Sir:

In another letter of this date you were advised of an increase in the Bullion Fund of your mint by the transfer thereto of $308,130.00 in gold coin, making the aggregate amount of that fund $750,000.00. The amount $308,130. having been placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco, it will be advisable for you to realize this sum in gold coin without actually transporting the coin from San Francisco to Carson, and if any premium can be obtained on your drafts against this sum, you will transfer the same to the Treasury of the United States in the usual manner.

You are authorized to purchase on the lowest attainable terms 100,000 ozs. of silver bullion, and to coin the same into dimes and half dollars.

In leaving the price to your discretion it is our expectation that you will be able to purchase silver at $1.12½ per standard oz. or less. Should the price exceed this rate you will confer with this office by telegraph before making purchases.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Approved:
Chas. F. Conant
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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L. J. Gage, Esq.
Cashier, 1st. National Bank
Chicago, Ills.

Feby 3d. 1875.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 30th. ult. in which you claim that the expense attending the transportation of certain silver coin from the Mint at Philadelphia to you, should be defrayed by the Government.

Section 27. of the Coinage Act of 1873, authorizes the payment out of the silver profit fund, of the expenses of distributing silver coins "as hereinafter provided."

Section 28, of the same act of 1873, makes it lawful to transmit from time to time parcels of silver coin to the Assistant Treasurers, Depositaries, and other Officers of the United States under general regulations proposed by the Director of the Mint, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The above are the only provisions of law upon the subject, and by which it will appear that the authority to pay the expenses of distributing silver coins applies only to Government officers.

Your claim cannot be allowed under the law.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

February 3d. 1875.

Sir:

In the equipment of the rooms lately occupied by Messrs. Clews & Co. you will please so arrange the melting furnaces as to allow deposit melting to be conducted separately from the Melter and Refiner's operations, and the grains residuum fluxes and sweeps appertaining thereto, to be kept in the custody of the Superintendent, and not in that of the Melter and Refiner as heretofore.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

February 3d. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2d. inst. asking if the amount of $7,850. Surplus on account of Salaries, can be legally transferred from the appropriation for "Salaries of Officers & Clerks" to that for "Wages of Workmen" you are informed that it cannot be done, but that a deficiency appropriation for "Wages of Workmen" of the amount above named has been asked, and no doubt will be made by Congress.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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E. S. Renwick, Esq.
19 Park Place, N.Y.

Feby 3d. 1875.

Sir:

I duly received your letter of the 22d. ult. stating that Dr. Miller had by letter authorized the sale of his Patent on the terms and conditions stated in my letter of June 22d. 1874. While I have not altered my opinion as to the value of the Miller Refining Process, I prefer that the question should be permitted to stand as it now does until the next session of Congress, and this for the reason that we are not asking for any appropriations not actually necessary.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

John T. Money, Esq.
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 3d. 1875.

Sir:

In answer to your communication of the 1st inst. I have to inform you that I have sent by mail this day, ten copies of my Annual Report, together with copies of the Coinage law of 1873, and also copies of the "law of the United States relating to the reservation of coins for the annual assay, and to the duties of the Commission".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esqr.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Feby 3d. 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with the request of this office the Secretary of the Treasury has caused a transfer draft for the sum of $308,130.00 to be issued in favor of the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, and that Officer has been directed to place the amount to your credit on account of the Bullion Fund.

The amount now transferred will increase your Bullion Fund to $750,000.00.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Prof. George Hyerston,

Continental Hotel

Philadelphia.

Feby 3d. 1875.

Dear Sir:

Your Telegram informing me of your safe arrival in Philadelphia, received this morning. Am glad to hear you got through safely, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at the Assay in Tuesday or Wednesday next.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

February 3. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th ult. you are informed that Copper canisters can be procured in Philadelphia for fifty cents per pound currency, and you were so notified by this Office under date of January 25th. 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. M. Acton, Esq.

Febry 3d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have received this day, your Account of Ordinary Expenditures during the month of January 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Febry 3d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Nellie Comick, adjuster in your institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. John Cadwalader

Feby 4th 1875.

Chairman, Assay Commission.

Sir:

The commission for testing the coinage of the year 1874, will meet at the Mint in Philadelphia, on the 10th inst.

In order that you may have the matter before you in advance of the assembling of the Commission, I have to inform you of the following changes in the offices of the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, and Melter and Refiner of the Mint at San Francisco.

On the 8th of September 1874, Mr. James Crawford entered upon his duties as Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, vice E. D. Hoetrich, resigned.

On the 8th of October 1874 Mr. Alexander Martin was appointed Acting Melter and Refiner of the Mint at San Francisco, - Mr. J. M. Eckfeldt, the former Melter & Refiner, having died on the morning of that day.

Mr. Martin was subsequently appointed and commissioned as Melter & Refiner, and entered upon his duties on the 10th day of November, 1874.

The coinage of the Mints at Carson and San Francisco, will therefore have to be divided into two periods as follows, viz:

Coinage of Mint at Carson.

From Jany 1st to Sept. 7th inclusive.
" Sept. 8th " Dec. 31st " .

Coinage of Mint at San Francisco.

From Jany 1st to Oct. 7th inclusive.
" Oct. 8th " Dec. 31st " .

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

February 4th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a communication from C. H. Lafrange Supt. of Machinery new Mint at San Francisco, dated the 28th. ult. in reference to a claim of Messrs. H. J. Booth & Co. amounting to the sum of $20,832.83 being for materials supplied and work performed by them in furnishing, placing and putting up machinery for the new mint, and not included in their written contract for engines, boilers, shafting, &c. dated November 20th. 1873.

The bill of items embraced in this claim, report of the experts who examined the work, and the reply of Messrs. Booth & Co. thereto and in support of their claim, are also transmitted herewith.

Soon after my arrival in San Francisco in October last, the existence of this claim was made known to me. I decided that it was not competent for the Commissioners, or myself as Director of the Mint, to authorize the payment of the bill in question, and that the case would have to be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury.

My reason for this conclusion was that the contract prohibited any allowances for alterations in plans or extra work, unless upon a written order of the Superintendent of Machinery.

The case was somewhat complicated by the sudden death of Mr. Eckfeldt who was the Superintendent of Machinery, and which left the Commissioners without information as to what alterations and extra work he had actually authorized.

I am satisfied that Messrs. Booth & Co. are justly entitled to the amount awarded by the

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experts, Messrs. Orr and Applesheimer, and possibly something in excess of the same.

The question which I desire to submit is: whether the Commissioners of Machinery have the right to settle the bill referred to.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq. February 4th 1875.
Supt. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

As bearing upon the equipment of a Refinery at the new Mint, I transmit herewith description of the pilphuric acid process, as employed at the New York Assay Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq. Feby 4th 1875.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office, with a Statement showing the Melter and Refiners operations and losses for the month of September 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Feby 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a statement showing the amount of gold and silver bullion operated upon by the Melter & Refiner during the month of July 1874. and the loss upon the same.

In making up a comparative statement of the M. & R's. operations for the six months ending Dec. 31. 1874, I find that the report asked for, is not on file in this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S. Philada.

Feby 4th. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3d. inst. relative to metal required for Minor Coinage, you are authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing The Mint with 1.000. lbs. nickel and 30,000. lbs. copper for that purpose.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Feby 4th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d. inst. enclosing certificate of deposits for $25.000. on account of Profits on Minor Coinage, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Genl. C. H. La Grange,
Supt. Machinery, &c.

Feby 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I received today your letter of 23d. ult. enclosing the papers covering the claim of Messrs. Booth & Co. for extras &c. and have referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury detailing the history of the case and submitting also the inquiry, whether the Commissioners may lawfully settle the claim, and expressing the opinion that the claimant is justly entitled to the payment of the amount awarded by the experts who examined the work, and possibly something in excess thereof.

I will endeavor to have the question acted upon promptly and advise you of the result.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director Mint and
Chairman Commission.

Hon. Jas. Crawford,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Feby 4th 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to examine the enclosed description of the Sulphuric acid refinery process, as employed at the New York Assay Office and inform me in what respect, if any, it differs from the same process as used at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. &c. N. Y.

February 4th. 1875.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your note of the 2d. inst. I have requested the clerk in charge of the Library to send you the four volumes of Mr. Raymonds Reports, and they will be forwarded to you today.

It is an exceedingly difficult thing to procure the Reports of Mr. Clarence King, and your better course will be to write direct to Maj. Genl. Humphreys, Chief of Engineers, War Dept. stating the object for which you want them, and it is barely possible that he may comply with your request.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Assayer U. S. Mint

Denver, Col.

Feby 4th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th. ult. informing this office that you had designated Henry Elder, to sign the Assayers Reports during your absence while serving as a member of the Assay Commission, and Rodney Curtiss, Chief Clerk, to perform all other duties devolving upon you, is received, and your action is approved.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

Feby 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office, with a statement showing the operations of the Melter & Refiners Depart. of your Mint for the six months ending Dec. 31st 1874.

The blank form enclosed will be used in submitting the Report asked for.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
1st. Auditor.

Feby 5th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the month of January, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Messrs. Drexel & Co.

Feby 5th. 1875.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of the 4th. inst, I enclose two copies of Department Circular No. 1. fixing the Custom House valuation of foreign coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Feby 5th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favr of yesterday in relation to the purchase of fine Silver.

In authorizing the purchase of silver bullion, the details are necessarily left to your discretion, and if you think the course pursued in 1873, more likely to be successful than our present rule, you are authorized to adopt it.

I notice by the morning papers that there was late in the day, a decline in sterling exchange to $4.89, and which I suppose will be followed by a corresponding decline in the price of silver.

In fixing the price, you will note from day to day, the course of Exchange, and be governed accordingly, keeping, however, within the limit of price stated in my letter of the 3d. inst. I think it would be better to fix that limit at 126 cents per ounce fine, which will correspond with 113 9/10 cents, per standard ounce.

You speak of the probability of Balbach & Sons fine silver being offered. It is not my intention to limit purchases to our own bars or to fine silver. Preference was to be given for fine silver, because we needed an immediate supply for coinage at the Philadelphia Mint.

I am not certain, whether in the sale of silver bars, 998/2 to 999/2 fine, the calculation is made on the gross weight or on the fineness. I suppose it will be safe to conform to commercial custom in this respect, but all bars not bearing the

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Government stamp must be subject to your own assay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Aug. Belmont & Co.
New York.

Feby 5th 1875.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry respecting Silver, contained in your letter of the 2d. inst. you are informed that the Department is prepared to purchase Silver to the amount of two million dollars, either in fine bars, or Silver alloyed with not more than one tenth copper, and in condition for coinage without refining, at the rate or price of one hundred and eleven and a half cents per ounce troy, U. S. Standard, nine tenths fine, to be delivered to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, at the rate of not less than five hundred and ninety seven thousand nine hundred and seven ounces per month, payment to be made in gold coin as soon as the fineness and value can be ascertained by U. S. Assay.

This offer to be accepted or declined within ten days from this date.

Very respectfully
Chas. F. Conant
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Feby 5th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the department for adjustment, the Account of Ordinary Expenses at your institution during the month of January, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

February 6th 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of February, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $282.00 from the following appropriations viz:

Salaries	1875	$256.60
Wages of Workmen	1875	25.40

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent Mint

Feb. 6th 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

Send immediately Statement of Earnings and Expenses quarter ending December thirty first.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

February 6th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th. inst. relative to the purchase of silver bullion, is received.

As we are on the New York market as purchasers you will not make any offer in that market. I sent you the order to purchase fifty thousand ozs. to put the Mint in position to take any small lots of silver that might be on the Philadelphia market.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S. Philad'a.

February 8th. 1875.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of January 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

February 8th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th. inst. enclosing statement of the operations of your office during the month of January 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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M. E. Bonzano Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

February 8th 1875.

Sir:

In examining your Account of Ordinary Expenditures for the month of January 1875. I find that an over-payment of $3.25 has been made in the settlement of the Bill of Dank. & Jas. D. Edwards - voucher 52 - for "Repairs to steam-pipe. &c."

Upon an examination of this bill you will find that the various items of expense enumerated amount to $205.99 - not $208.34

I return herewith your Account Current, Abstract of Expenses, and Voucher No. 52. for correction.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thomas Le. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

February 8th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. in relation to the purchase of Silver, you are authorized to arrange the details in regard thereto at the Assay Office, and if you think the course suggested by you relative to Balbach & Son's Silver advisable, you are hereby authorized to purchase the same without subjecting the parties from whom purchases are made to the 1/4c per oz: tax, as in the case of ordinary deposits.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

Executive Mansion
Washington D.C. Feby 8th. 1875.

Sir:

The following named gentlemen are hereby designated as Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins reserved by the several Mints during the year 1874, pursuant to the provisions of Section 48, of the Coinage Act of 1873. (Section 3547 R.S.)

E. B. Elliott, Esq. Washington D. C. vice
Hon. Samuel Hooper, declined.
Prof. Joseph Pancoast, Philadelphia, Pa, vice
Robert Patterson, Esq. declined.

Very respectfully
U. S. Grant.

E. B. Elliott, Esq.

Washington, D.C.

Feby 8th. 1875.

Sir:

The President has this day appointed you Commissioner, in the place of Hon. Samuel Hooper, declined, to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins reserved by the several mints during the year 1874.

The Commissioners will assemble at the mint in Philadelphia on Wednesday, the 10th. inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. H. Bonzano, Esq.

Supt. Mint. of the U. S.
New Orleans. La.

Feby 8th. 1875.

Sir. Your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of January 1875 is received.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. Joseph Pancoast
Philadelphia.

February 8th 1875.

Sir:

The President has this day appointed you one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins reserved by the several mints during the year 1874.

The Commission will assemble at the mint in Philadelphia on Wednesday the 10th inst, at 10 o' clock A. M.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Justin S. Morrill
U. S. Senate.

February 8th 1875.

Sir:

I had the honor to be present to-day while the Sub-committee of the Committee on Finance was considering the subject of establishing a Mint in the North West, and heard the statements and representations made in support of Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis, and Omaha, as suitable points respectively for the location of a Mint. At the conclusion of the hearing you requested that any suggestions, which I might have to make upon the subject should be offered at a full meeting of the Committee. As I shall be absent from the City for three or four days attending the annual trials of the coinage at the Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia, I deem it proper to communicate my views in writing.

Nearly all of the gold produced from the mines of the United States contains Silver in sufficient quantities to require it to be separated before the gold can be brought to the legal standard for coining; the same remark applies to silver which generally contains gold in [illegible] quantity. In all cases where mixed

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bullion is brought to the mints the two metals are separated, the one from the other, except where the silver contained in gold, and gold contained in silver bullion is of such small per-centage as will not when separated defray the expenses of the parting or separating operation. It follows therefore, that the proposed mint should be located at a point where Sulphuric acid for the parting operation can be obtained at a cost not exceeding the price in New York or San Francisco. It appears from the statements of the parties that Sulphuric acid is manufactured at St. Louis & Chicago at a price corresponding very nearly with the price for that article at New York & San Francisco. It further appears, that the only place among those named for the location of the proposed mint which has a separating works in condition for immediate use, is Chicago. A mint located in that City would therefore receive bullion in condition for coinage without preparation on the part of the Government for conducting the operation. With respect to the advantages of location for receiving bullion, I do not see that there is any material difference in favor of any one of the places named, over another, and all of them would find the location at any one point named of advantage as against sending their bullion to Philadelphia or New York for coinage. The operations of a mint located in any one of the cities named would be confined principally to the manufacture of the subsidiary silver coins, and which being manufactured solely on account of the Government would be distributed by it to the various depositaries contiguous thereto and the expenses of such distribution paid out of the profits on such coinage.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Telegram.

Feb. 9th. 1875.

Superintendent Mint

Carson, Nevada,

Bullion fund increased as requested. Await arrival of instructions mailed you on third instant respecting purchase of silver bullion.

H. R. Linderman - Director of Mints

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Hon. Moses W. Field
H. R.

Feb. 9th. 1875.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to inform you that the Dies for Life Saving medals of the first class are now being engraved and will be finished in three months.

Mr. John Horn, Jr. will receive the first medal struck and which will contain suitable inscriptions descriptive of his heroic deeds in the saving of human life at the peril of his own.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

February 9th. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your telegram of the 8th. saying "can buy Silver here at one dollar twelve and seven eighths cents standard ounce" is received, and a reply by telegraph was this day sent you in the following words:

"Superintendent Mint, Carson Nevada.

Bullion Fund increased as requested. await arrival of instructions mailed you on the third instant, respecting purchase of silver bullion."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

February 9th. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st. inst. enclosing statement of count and examination of Cashier's vault, is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.